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Chief Whip gives warning of defeat

Post sell-off plan likely to be dropped

By NICHOLAS WOOD AND ALICE THOMSON

THE Government is on the brink of abandoning plans to privatise the Post Office in the face of implacable opposition from Tory backbenchers. Richard Ryder, the Chief Whip, has told Cabinet colleagues that they are courting disaster if they press ahead with the £1 billion-plus sell-off. John Major is understood to share his fears. With the Government under intense pressure again, it cannot afford the humiliation of defeat. But with Mr Major under attack from the Right for failing to give clear, decisive leadership, a decision to drop a flagship sell-off will increase the sense of drift among some sections of the Tory benches.

At three key meetings last week, Michael Heseltine, the President of the Board of Trade, failed to convince senior ministers that he can win round his critics, thought to number as many as 20, more than enough to defeat a Government with a majority of 14. It is understood that Mr Heseltine has until Thursday to rescue a proposal on which he has staked personal political capital. The Queen's Speech, setting out the Government's legislative programme, will be delivered on November 16 and time is running out.

Earlier this month, the trade president took his internal Cabinet battle to the floor of the House of Commons in a Bournemouth by reminding his audience that it had taken "vision, guts and determination" to push through past privatisations. He also repeated assurances that a universal



Heseltine: Thursday deadline for decision

delivery service at a standard price would be maintained, and that he did not want to privatise the country's 20,000 sub-post offices because nearly all were in private hands. However, his promises have fallen on deaf ears and Mr Heseltine is being criticised for not doing more to woo the rebels. One rebel said he feared that a privatised Royal Mail would be exposed to competition and the safeguards would prove useless. All the indications last night were that the President of the Board of Trade is heading for defeat.

One senior backbencher said: "They would be out of their minds to provoke a row with some of their staunchest supporters on other critical issues."

Mr Heseltine's preferred plan is to sell off 51 per cent of the Royal Mail and Parcel Force in a stockmarket flotation. Post Office Counters, which runs the sub-post office network, would remain in

public ownership as a bulwark against more closures. With a majority of 14 and the likely opposition of five Unionist MPs, the Government can only afford six rebels for the biggest privatisation of Mr Major's premiership. But the eight Tory MPs, who signed an early day motion calling for the Post Office to be retained in the public sector, have refused to back down.

Patrick Cormack, Tory MP for Staffordshire South, has added his name. Sir Peter Emery and Sir Edward Heath, have attacked the plans, and seven other Tory MPs have expressed their concern.

Ministers are also worried by a report from Richard Adams, the Post Office's corporate planning director, suggesting that plans to guarantee the privatised Royal Mail exclusive trading links with Post Office Counters could run foul of European Union competition laws.

Cabinet supporters of the privatisation fear that a U-turn would allow the Opposition to brand Mr Major's Government a lame-duck administration. Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, would also have to forgo a £1 billion boost to Treasury coffers.

Sir Keith Speed, MP for Ashford and a signatory, said: "I know that the signatories... are just the tip of the iceberg and the Government is facing a serious defeat."

Nicholas Winterton, MP for Macclesfield, said: "It is dishonest and inaccurate to pretend that the privatisation is the only thing that will save our mail."



The Duke of Edinburgh with Nathan Kohan and Sol Jacobs, British Jewish veterans, in Ramla yesterday

Duke treads wary path on Israel visit

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN RAMLA, ISRAEL

THE Duke of Edinburgh yesterday entered the political minefield of the Arab-Jewish conflict as he started the first British royal visit to the Jewish state, an occasion that many Israelis and British Jews claimed was long overdue.

Soon after touching down at Ben Gurion airport, the Duke was plunged into the violent history of the Jewish terrorists who fought against Britain's mandate in Palestine. The reality was brought home when he arrived at a Commonwealth war cemetery in Ramla. Among the graves the Duke saw were those of two British sergeants, Clifford Martin and Mervyn Price, kidnapped and murdered on July 30, 1947, by an Irgun terrorist squad acting on the orders

of the late Israeli Prime Minister, Menachem Begin, of the Likud party now in opposition. The murders — despite a plea to Irgun by Martin, who was Jewish — and the booby-trapping of the bodies with a mine that injured British rescuers, prompted anti-Semitic riots in many British cities and sent British troops in Palestine rampaging against Jewish targets.

The Duke was introduced to veteran servicemen and women who served with the British Army in the Second World War and laid a wreath on the memorial in the centre of the cemetery of 6,000 graves. Yoel Lavi, Jewish Mayor of Ramla, invited the Duke to visit the town, in which Jews and Arabs live together,

but there was to be no royal walkabout, as Buckingham Palace officials feared it might lead to political controversy.

To maintain balance, the Duke attended a reception at the British Embassy in Tel Aviv, where the guests were mainly Jews, and another at the British Consulate in east Jerusalem, where the guest list was largely Arab.

This morning he will pay a first visit to the grave of his mother in the Russian Orthodox Church of St Mary Magdalene on the slopes of the Mount of Olives. The Duke will then go on to the Holocaust memorial at Yad Vashem.

Brittan urged to stay and fight

By WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU IN LUXEMBOURG AND ALICE THOMSON

SIR Leon Brittan, Britain's senior commissioner in Brussels, yesterday came under strong pressure from his former Cabinet colleagues to not carry out his threat to resign but to stay and fight for an open, free-market Europe.

Friends and former allies in the Government were last night urging him to accept his diminished portfolio, despite his disappointment at being stripped of responsibility for the European Union's relations with Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union, which went instead to Hans van den Broek of The Netherlands. They argue that if Sir Leon resigned, it would be difficult for John Major to find a replacement at short notice and so diminish Britain's influence in the EC.

The Prime Minister stepped in to the row last night, telephoning Sir Leon to urge him not to resign.

Indications are growing that Jacques Santer, the Commission President, made his decision in part because of strong lobbying by Helmut Kohl. The German Chancellor is understood to have supported Mr van den Broek to repair relations with The Netherlands following the German veto of Ruud Lubbers, the former Dutch Prime Minister, as Commission President.

Sir Leon's former Cabinet colleague, Sir Geoffrey Howe, advised him to swallow his pride. "He has established an immense reputation at Brussels," he said last night. "I hope he will stay there, because he is an invaluable force for good with his free market policies and his depth of knowledge. We shouldn't regard it as an insult to Britain, although it is a disappointment." Backbench

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City pensions deal eats into profits

By LIZ DOLAN

MILLIONS of investors and homebuyers may be the ultimate losers after a decision by City regulators to force pension providers to compensate those who were wrongly advised to take out personal pension policies.

It is feared that shareholders and with-profits policy holders, including those with mortgages that are endowment-linked, will receive lower profits due to the Security and Investments Board's move last

week to force life insurance firms and other pension providers to pay up to £2 billion to compensate the victims.

Lloyd's of London is also expected to face a bill of between £250 million and £500 million in claims on professional indemnity cover taken out by the pensions providers, and many independent financial advisers.

The Department of Trade and Industry has moved to allay concern. It says that the compensation will, in many cases, be paid from reserves that were never earmarked for with-profits policy payouts. But, although there will be no immediate knock-on effect, reserves will have to be topped up by profits in future years.

Bacon & Woodrow, a firm of actuaries, says: "Even if the companies have to pay out £4 billion in the end, they only have to make an extra 1 per cent this year and they've solved the problem."

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Scotland gets new cardinal

Thomas Winning, 69, Archbishop of Glasgow, was yesterday named by the Pope among 30 new cardinals. The third Scottish cardinal since the Reformation, he described his appointment as a great honour, and something he hoped all Glaswegians would welcome, whether Catholics or not. — Pages 13, 22

Man charged over White House shots

An Army veteran who fired a fusillade of shots at the White House while President Clinton was watching American football on television inside will appear in court today accused of unlawful possession of a firearm and damaging government property. — Page 11

Public inquiry?

John Major is expected to back down today in the dispute over whether the Commons "cash for questions" inquiry should be held in public. He is prepared to allow the Commons Privileges Committee to decide. — Page 2

Student dies in TA crash fire

By MARIANNE CURPHEY

A FEMALE Oxford University student died and another was critically ill last night after their Land Rover overturned and burst into flames during a Territorial Army exercise on Salisbury Plain.

Ministry of Defence officials were trying to establish why the vehicle caught fire when it crashed on rough ground, trapping the two women and an Army officer inside. The officer was also seriously ill in hospital with extensive burns.

One student aged 19 was thought to have died instantly in the blaze. The other, 20, suffered more than 70 per cent burns. Both were taken part in a weekend course at North Tidworth, Wiltshire, on Saturday after enrolling in their college Officer Training Corps.

Captain Chris Wall, for the Officer Training Corps at Oxford University, said the alert had been raised by the Army officer in the Land Rover. Rescuers pulled all

three from the front seats of the burning vehicle at Sidbury Hill. The injured student was flown by police helicopter to Salisbury district hospital. The Army officer was taken to a nearby military base before being transferred to hospital.

Fire crews said the blaze was restricted to the passenger area of the Land Rover and did not affect the fuel tank or engine. It was put out with portable extinguishers.

Paul Fuller, the Divisional Officer said: "It was a very severe fire. We were able to get a fire appliance to within a quarter of a mile of the incident and then had to continue on foot. It was a very tragic incident and a full investigation will be carried out. At this stage we cannot shed any light on why the Land Rover overturned or what led to it catching fire."

Captain Wall said: "We will have to await the result of the inquiry to find out what led to this tragedy."

Bosnia Serbs free British servicemen

FROM JOEL BRAND IN SARAJEVO

FOUR British servicemen held by Bosnian Serbs on charges of spying were released yesterday after Serb political and military leaders met Lieutenant-General Sir Michael Rose, the United Nations commander in Bosnia.

British UN soldiers went into Serb-held territory to pick up Flight Lieutenant Michael Smeath of the RAF and Francis Dunn, Daniel Malik and Wayne Wilden of the Royal Marines. The men, and their Croatian female translator, had been held since last Tuesday in Kupres, western Bosnia, after crossing the front line on foot in an attempt to meet local Serb commanders.

"They're back and are safe and sound," Lieutenant-Colonel Tim Spicer, a UN spokesman, said in Sarajevo. Colonel Spicer said that General Rose had allayed Serb fears that the group was on a covert mission.

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BBC's Chuzzlewit a tale of three endings

By ROBIN YOUNG

THE BBC's costly television dramatisation of *Martin Chuzzlewit* is to have an ending favoured by its director, rather than an alternative favoured by David Lodge, who adapted Charles Dickens's favourite novel.

The six-part serial, the first episode of which is to be shown on November 7, is being trailed on BBC television in hope of attracting the ratings scored earlier this year by the adaptation of George Eliot's *Middlemarch*.

Yet with *Chuzzlewit*, director and screenwriter disagreed until last week about how the story should end. Two

versions were filmed: neither accords with Dickens's ending.

David Lodge, the novelist and honorary professor of modern English literature at Birmingham University, in his role as screenwriter, chose to end with three weddings. Peter James, the director, preferred to end on a stoic soliloquy by Chuzzlewit's self-sacrificing rival in love, Tom Pinch.

Professor Lodge said yesterday: "Our disagreement has been resolved, and I have accepted Peter's ending. It is still my script, and it was I who originally chose to move Tom Pinch's speech to its strategic position perhaps

a minute before the ending. If I had known it was to be the very final image, I might have written to frame it rather differently."

Mr James, who feels passionately that his ending will "take viewers' breath away", dismissed as "soft soap" Mr Lodge's idea for a trio of weddings in which Tom Pinch would have taken part as organist.

Professor Lodge said: "We did have strong disagreements and strong arguments. We have arrived at a script with which we are both happy."

In the book, Pinch's soliloquy comes four chapters before the end, which is

a non-wedding, the jilting of the shrewish Charity Pecksniff.

The series, starring Paul Scofield, Sir John Mills, and Lynda Bellingham, may offend purists on other grounds: Professor Lodge has had to abbreviate Martin's adventures in America, which Dickens conceived as an afterthought to boost sales.

"In fact the American adventures added only an extra 3,000 copies," he said, dismissing any idea that the satire on American society has been omitted to safeguard American sales.

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MPs bay for blood as editor struggles to justify fake fax



Preston: "I believe in protecting sources"

SUGGESTIONS that Jonathan Aitken was the victim of an underhand and improper operation to expose details of his bill at the Hotel Ritz in Paris were rejected by *The Guardian* yesterday.

Amid calls for Peter Preston, the editor, to be investigated by the Commons Committee of Privileges and for further inquiry into press practices, he defended the elaborate operation used to obtain a copy of the hotel bill. "There was no deception," he said.

A fax was sent to the Ritz last November asking for a copy of the

bill. The request was written on House of Commons paper and purported to come from Mr Aitken, Chief Secretary to the Treasury. It was signed "pp Jeremy Wright, private secretary". The telephone and fax numbers on the letter were those of Mr Preston and not Mr Aitken's office.

A copy of the bill for £1,000 was duly faxed to the number given. The subterfuge to obtain a copy of the bill was undertaken only once *The Guardian* had seen the bill and had the details it required. Mohamed Al-Fayed, owner of the hotel, was anxious to protect management at the hotel from charges of im-

priety and the fake fax was seen as a way of protecting the hotel.

Mr Preston used his own telephone and fax numbers as a means of reassuring Mr Al-Fayed, who felt he had cause to distrust elements of the media. Mr Preston said: "Mr Aitken and the Cabinet Office have known about this for four months... I have explained most carefully that the cod fax went to somebody who knew it was a cod fax and it was a little charade for the protection of the source. I believe in protecting sources."

He added that the disclosure of details of the fax from "Whitehall sources" was designed to deflect

interest from Mr Aitken. Mr Preston, who is a member of the Press Complaints Commission code committee, said he would be happy to explain the matter once again to an inquiry that might want to look at the broader issues.

Alan Duncan, Conservative MP for Rutland and Melton, dismissed Mr Preston's explanation and said that if an MP were to behave in a similar manner he would be on the front page of *The Guardian* "with a noose around his neck."

"This just shows the perverse morality of Mr Preston and his source. Stealing House of Commons notepaper, impersonation and

pleading the public interest seem to be an excuse for any kind of behaviour," he said.

Sir James Spicer, Tory MP for Dorset West and a member of the privileges committee, said he was "shocked and horrified" by Mr Preston's actions. Mr Preston has been guilty of theft, forgery and just as serious, total contempt for the House of Commons, he said. "I will tomorrow be writing to the chairman of the board of Guardian Newspapers... Nothing short of the resignation of the editor will suffice."

Sir Nicholas Bonsor, MP for Uppingham, said: "Mr Preston cer-

tainly looks as if he is guilty of theft and forgery and the case should be referred to the Director of Public Prosecutions and the Crown Prosecution Service."

Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, has issued a writ for slander against the *Financial Times*. The writ, which follows a temporary injunction taken out to prevent publication of a specific story involving Mr Howard, comes after a telephone conversation between David Owen, political correspondent of the newspaper, and Michael Price, a Downing Street press spokesman. The writ was issued a week ago.

Major yielding to pressure for public hearings

By NICHOLAS WOOD, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

JOHN Major is expected to back down today in the dispute over whether the Commons inquiry into standards in public life should be held in public. The Prime Minister will signal that he is prepared to allow the Commons Privileges Committee to decide the form of the investigation.

Mr Major's stance is an abrupt departure from that of last week, when he pointed robustly to precedent as justification for the committee sitting in private. But the Government laid the basis for a climbdown yesterday as senior ministers and MPs added their voices to those of such Tory heavyweights as Lord Howe of Aberavon in calling for concessions.

The process is expected to be completed today when the Commons debates a Labour motion calling for the committee's cross-examination of witnesses to be held in public "except when for clear and compelling reasons, especially for natural justice, it is more expedient that press and public should be excluded and all or part of the evidence heard in private".

Tony Blair, the Labour leader, has thrown his weight behind the call for a public inquiry and Labour was plan-

ning to push the matter to a vote. It would almost certainly have lost, but it would have scored a notable propaganda victory.

The committee is to question a number of MPs and journalists about the alleged financial scandals that have dominated the headlines since the summer.

Yesterday, on a day of intense backstage activity, Mr Major, Tony Newton, the Commons leader, and David Hunt, the Cabinet fixer,

Call to adopt council rules

THE inquiry headed by Lord Nolan will be advised by the Audit Commission that strict rules for local authorities should be adopted for Parliament. Councilors are barred from voting or speaking in meetings on subjects where they have a declared interest. Andrew Foster, the commission's controller, believes the system should be introduced to stop MPs from being used by lobbyists and to make it less likely that they would be tempted to accept payment for asking questions.

sought to head off a Labour attack that senior ministers feared would compound the Government's difficulties.

The Government is expected to table an amendment today making plain it is for the committee to decide. That would be accompanied by private assurances that Tory members of the 17-strong committee, chaired by Mr Newton, would soften their opposition to some proceedings taking place in public.

In his Commons speech today, Mr Newton is expected to emphasise that it is not for the Government to dictate to select committees how they operate. The committee's original decision to sit in secret was decided on Mr Newton's casting vote after an 8-8 tie on party lines.

Lord Howe said on GMTV yesterday: "It may be... that there is scope for examining questions of fact in public and then proceeding to deliberation in private. That, after all, is what the ordinary select committee does. When I gave evidence to the Foreign Affairs Committee on the Pergau Dam matter, I gave my evidence in public, but the committee deliberated and reached its conclusions in private."



Jonathan Aitken leaving church in Sandwich, Kent, with his family yesterday

Hamilton's constituency urges reinstatement

By OUR CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

NEIL Hamilton's constituency party is to call tonight for his reinstatement as a minister, in a move that will prove a further embarrassment to the Prime Minister.

The management committee of Mr Hamilton's Tatten seat in Cheshire is likely to call for the minister sacked in the "cash-for-questions" affair to be brought back within

months. Alan Barnes, the chairman of the committee made up of more than a dozen local branch chairmen, said last night that he was, not blaming John Major for Mr Hamilton's dismissal. But he thought the Prime Minister had been the victim of some bad advice.

"I think that subsequent to the Prime Minister's decision to ask for Neil's resignation, the additional evidence produced will have been exam-

ined and found wanting and in view of that I would suggest to the Prime Minister it might be worth reinstating Neil and the sooner the better."

Mr Barnes was referring to allegations put to Mr Hamilton by Richard Ryder, the Chief Whip, that he had not declared a consultancy with Mobil Oil and that he was connected to a company that was being investigated by the Serious Fraud Office.

Mr Hamilton disapproved the

first by referring to the Register of Members' Interests and asked for more time to refute the second. It has since been discovered that his links with the firm under investigation were tenuous and that he had severed all connections with it two years before the SFO inquiry.

The ex-minister is also set to defy pressure from the government whips and make a personal statement in the Commons on his resignation

shortly after the House reassembles for the Queen's Speech and the new session of Parliament on November 16. His friends said last night that he would concentrate on exposing the "dirty tricks" and "media chicanery" that lay behind his fall.

Mr Hamilton is a leading member of the Thatcherite No Turning Back Group, which includes three Cabinet ministers — Michael Portillo, Peter Lilley and John Redwood.

Right-wingers are furious about his fall and about the role played by Mr Major and Mr Ryder.

They are contrasting Mr Major's strong defence of Jonathan Aitken, the Treasury Chief Secretary, with the way they believe the Prime Minister abandoned his junior trade minister. They are also telling Mr Major that the time for any potential challenge to his leadership is only a few weeks away.

Tories shelve housing threat to lone parents

Ministers have pulled back from a politically explosive clash over single mothers by shelving plans to take away their automatic right to permanent council housing. John Gummer, the Environment Secretary, had intended to bring forward a Housing Bill in the new session of Parliament to create a single waiting list for council flats and houses, ending the system of priority for the statutory homeless.

But, after publication of a consultation document earlier this year, the Bill has fallen foul of the Prime Minister's decision to try to consolidate the Government's position in the run-up to the next general election. Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, is among those who have argued against including such a contentious piece of legislation in the Queen's Speech. He has urged his colleagues to stick to measures that embody the main thrust of the Government's goals and to avoid being sidetracked by potentially controversial social issues.

IRA 'in dummy attacks'

The IRA is carrying out dummy attacks in Northern Ireland despite its ceasefire, a Unionist politician said yesterday. Ken Maginnis, the Ulster Unionist security spokesman, said that the IRA wanted to remain "operationally intact" so it could resume violence if Sinn Féin failed to win political concessions.

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Boeing safety review

A team of 100 safety officials, including experts from NASA, has been called in to review the Boeing 737 after an unsolved crash in Pittsburgh last month. So far every attempt by US investigators has failed to find what made the workhorse 737, the best selling commercial airliner of all time, crash into a ravine with the loss of 132 lives.

BSE kills zoo ocelot

An ocelot, a wild cat native to the Americas, has died in Glasgow Zoo from a form of the "mad cow" disease that has led to the slaughter of 136,000 cattle. The death has increased fears that British animals could carry the disease to foreign zoos. In eight years 19 other animals have died in British zoos from forms of BSE.

Sheep exports continue

Some 3,000 Yorkshire sheep arrived at an abattoir near Poitiers in central France after being shipped from Grimsby to Calais in a chartered livestock carrier, where the animals are kept in pens, not on board lorries. They were taken on to Poitiers by road. The RSPCA said: "The sheep were in a better condition than we had expected."

Venables SFO anger

The England soccer coach Terry Venables, right, said last night that he was "scandalous" that he had not been told of a Serious Fraud Office investigation into his company, Edenote. BBC's *Panorama* is about Mr Venables tonight. The investigation began after a previous programme, and Mr Venables said: "I have no option but to wait for the programme and take such action as I am advised."



Rover ad 'too quiet'

A Rover 600 advertisement implying the car was an oasis of peace compared with creaking doors and rickety bicycles in the rural landscape was misleading, the Independent Television Commission said. "The claims were exaggerated and 'not capable of being substantiated', it said after four viewers complained. Rover has altered the sound levels.

Big Ben on firm ground

Engineers are to pump hundreds of tonnes of concrete mix under Big Ben to protect it from tunnelling work on the new Jubilee Line extension. However, London Underground said the fact that electronic sensors had detected a 3mm shift on the clock's east face was not considered unusual. "All tall buildings sway a little bit," a spokesman said.

Getaway boat sinks

Environmental health officers are to recover a haul of stolen car batteries from the bed of a canal after the thieves' getaway boat sank. The batteries were stolen from a warehouse beside Humble Carr Canal near Gainsborough, Lincolnshire. The council officers were called in because of fears that leaking acid could pollute the 10ft-deep waterway.

Brittan row

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Europhile Tories are also convinced that Sir Leon should stay. Hugh Dykes, Tory MP for Harrow East, said: "His job is still one of the best. It is vital to have a man of his stature and calibre in charge of trade. Jacques Santer had to flex his muscles to prove he is going to be a strong President."

Sir Leon is thought by many Euro-sceptics to have "gone native" in Brussels, but they are furious at the apparent snub and are urging the Government to retaliate by taking a stand in forthcoming budget discussions.

The reassignment of portfolios has seen three days of lobbying and infighting among commissioners. Mr Santer himself has emerged with a formidable portfolio. He will be in charge of the Common Foreign and Security Policy on the multilateral level and also on Economic and Monetary Union. The day-to-day management of foreign policy will go to Mr van den Broek, while the economics portfolio goes to Yves-Thibault de Silguy, European affairs adviser to Edouard Balladur, the French Prime Minister.

The man with the biggest smile yesterday was Neil Kinnock, who won the job of Transport Commissioner, which he called "a portfolio whose time has come".

EU sources said yesterday that Sir Leon will make the decision on his future on three criteria: the scope of the job, his effectiveness in the future Commission, and Britain's position in Europe if he were to resign.

If he does go, John Major would have to appoint another commissioner, which might trigger a reshuffle.

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Three tipped for Butler job

By MICHAEL DYNES
WHITEHALL CORRESPONDENT

THREE Whitehall mandarins are jostling to succeed Sir Robin Butler as Cabinet Secretary and Head of the Home Civil Service.

After Sir Robin's involvement in the investigation of allegations against ministers, all three candidates for his job will be watching to see whether his position of neutrality has been eroded. Whoever succeeds him could soon be leading a Civil Service under a different government after more than 15 years of Tory rule.

Andrew Turnbull, permanent secretary at the Environment Department; Richard Wilson, permanent secretary at the Home Office; and Richard Mottram, who becomes permanent secretary at the Ministry of Defence in March, lead the field of Whitehall hopefuls.

Despite rumours that Sir Robin has been considering early retirement, insiders do not expect him to go until the next general election. That



Sir Robin: criticism may lie ahead in Scott report

calculation could be overturned next year by Lord Justice Scott's report into the arms-to-Iraq affair. If it accuses Sir Robin of failing in his task of co-ordinating the machinery of government.

Otherwise, Mr Turnbull would appear to be the frontrunner. He is a former second permanent secretary at the Treasury and his appointment to the Environment Department is seen as an attempt by the Treasury to position their man should Sir

Robin last his full term. At 49, Mr Turnbull can wait a few years for the top job. He has held all the right posts, including that of principal private secretary to the Prime Minister.

If Sir Robin falls victim to the Scott report, Mr Wilson, 52, enters the frame. Mr Wilson was also a Treasury man before moving to Environment and the Home Office. He is renowned for his charm, which will be needed to smooth things over if Sir Robin does go prematurely. Running a close third is Mr Mottram, currently permanent secretary at the Office of Public Service and Science. After graduating from Keele he joined the MoD where he made his name as a thinker and a proponent of the new managerialism. As the architect of the *Options for Change* defence review, Mr Mottram is disliked by the defence chiefs.

Mazy consider Mr Mottram too young, at 48, to succeed Sir Robin. If he does not make it now, he could be too old next time round.

Apartheid army finds new objective

By TUNKU VARADARAJAN
AND TIM JONES

AFTER 35 years of turbulent activity that cut through British political life, the Anti-Apartheid Movement has voted to dissolve itself.

The end of the organisation, which conducted probably the most successful single-issue campaign on foreign policy in British history, came at a good-humoured meeting on Saturday attended by hundreds of members.

Founded in June 1959, by Archbishop Trevor Huddles-

ton and Julius Nyerere, then President of Tanzania, AAM had at its peak nearly 30,000 members.

From attempts to disrupt rugby matches to the ceaseless pickets and vigils outside South Africa House on Trafalgar Square, AAM saw that its cause never left public consciousness.

No leading British politician, from Hugh Gaitskill, who launched in 1960 a month-long boycott of South African goods, to Margaret Thatcher, who sparked off a protest by 50,000 people

when she entertained President P.W. Botha at Chequers, was untouched by the issue.

In 1986, all Commonwealth leaders except Britain's banned air links and Barclays Bank pulled out of South Africa when Sir Timothy Bevan, then chairman, admitted moral and political issues had affected the commercial climate.

In 1988 a rock concert at Wembley raised £250,000 for AAM. Two years later Mike Gatting led a rebel cricket tour but cut it short because of demonstrations and the re-

lease of Nelson Mandela. On Saturday the delegates voted to form themselves into a successor organisation, Action for Southern Africa (ACTSA), with the aim of supporting the reconstruction and development programme in South Africa.

An inventive project envisaged by ACTSA is the twinning of British regions. Wales, for example, would be coupled with the Western Cape, the Midlands with Eastern Transvaal, and the North East with the Orange Free State.



Huddleston: co-founder, with Nyerere in 1959

An intimate Halloween party for two?

PURE GENIUS.

'The decision he made was a gamble,' admits Dimbleby

Prince went public after 'assassination' by tabloids

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES AND JOHN YOUNG

THE Prince of Wales took a gamble on co-operating with his latest biographer at a time when he was being "killed off" by the tabloid press. Jonathan Dimbleby said yesterday as the Prince arrived in Los Angeles for a five-day tour.

For many years his life was covered, particularly by tabloid newspapers, on the basis of innuendo, conjecture, distortion and frequently downright lies, week after week after week. Mr Dimbleby said. "He could have kept silent about that for ever. There are some pontificating commentators in the grander newspapers that believe he should have done."

"I think the decision he made was a gamble, obviously. But if he had stayed silent for ever, he was not just being assassinated slowly by character description in these papers. He was actually being killed off by the tabloid papers. To that degree, I think it was not a foolish decision."

Mr Dimbleby said on BBC's *Breakfast with Frost* that, at a time of debate about sleaze and openness in public life, the Prince's "open" approach allowed people to read the book and judge for themselves.

Asked if he thought the Prince had regretted his co-operation, Mr Dimbleby said he could say only that he himself had been astonished by the

interpretations newspapers had put on the extracts appearing in *The Sunday Times*. Of the impact on Prince William and Prince Harry, he said they had long been victims of media reports and distortion and the book contained no revelations for them.

Mr Dimbleby disclosed in the latest extract published yesterday that the Prince's

month period he launched his book on architecture, *Vision of Britain*, struggled to develop his own village, Burybury, in Dorset, pleaded for the Book of Common Prayer against the "crassness" of the modern prayerbook; became involved in a squabble over the Mary Rose; lectured at Kew on rainforests; made a television programme on conservation;

have to contend with a hectic schedule of Hollywood and inner-city engagements. But the visit will also provide an unrivalled opportunity for him to rehabilitate himself in the eyes of a fascinated American public. Local news agency stories speak of "a wave of Anglophilia" sweeping the city.

Buckingham Palace and local consular officials have been emphasising the Prince of Wales's interest in urban renewal and his desire to keep his personal traumas private and behind him.

Los Angeles appears ready to give the future King of England a second chance. Greg Dulan, an African American caterer who is organising an outdoor lunch tomorrow at Crenshaw High School in the heart of south central Los Angeles, the scene of the 1992 riots, refused to be drawn on the Prince's private life. "I would like him to know he can come here and have a nice day and not see a drive-by shooting," he said.

The Prince will be staying at the Bel-Air hotel west of Beverly Hills, but most of his daylight hours will be spent in the smog and drabness of the inner city, meeting prime movers in the rebuilding of what used to be its most violent neighbourhood.

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The Prince and his biographer, Jonathan Dimbleby

constant eagerness for activity was prompted by fear of being considered "irrelevant." He quoted the Prince as saying: "I always feel that unless I rush about doing things, I will not be seen to be relevant and will be considered a mere playboy." The publication date for the biography is Thursday.

The Prince's fear drove him into frantic schedules, Mr Dimbleby wrote. In one 12-

and toured Indonesia, Hong Kong, Cameroon, Hungary and Spain.

In the same period he had private meetings with ten government ministers and three shadow ministers, wrote more than 1,000 personal letters and went hunting, shooting, stalking, skiing and painting, and played polo.

On his first visit to southern California for 17 years he will



A suspected gas leak wrecked this £200,000 house in Gloucester and covered a Mercedes in rubble

Family away as house blows up

By ROBIN YOUNG

A HOUSE in Gloucester was destroyed by an explosion on Saturday while its owners were away for the weekend. The £200,000 stone-clad house was so badly damaged that it will probably have to be demolished. A Mercedes in the driveway was covered in rubble.

Experts believe the blast could have been caused by a gas main fractured by

tree roots, but there is to be a full investigation by South West Gas. An alternative theory is that the explosion was a racist attack because, in the past, graffiti had been daubed on the walls of the house, which belongs to an Asian family. However, Sergeant Stuart Ashdown, of Gloucestershire Police, said: "We do not suspect a racist attack. The family was away for the weekend."

Glass and rubble were thrown 50ft when the house exploded on Saturday afternoon. David Skeffington, a neighbour, said the blast was so great that at first he thought it was an earthquake. "I looked out of the window and there was fire leaping out of what was left of the house next door."

John Bent, a fire officer, said: "We know a gas main is fractured, but that may have been caused by the explosion rather than the other way round."

Teenager held after murder of woman in car

By ROBIN YOUNG

A MURDERED woman whose body was found in the wreckage of her car had given a lift home to a teenager who was driving the car when it crashed, police said yesterday.

Officers were still waiting to question the 18-year-old, who was seriously injured when the car was involved in a head-on collision.

The body of Lauren Williamson, 44, was found in the footwell of the front passenger seat of her Ford Fiesta XR2 after the crash on the A325 at Greatham, near Liphook, Hampshire.

Police were called to a lay-by where Mrs Williamson was seen struggling with a young man outside her parked car shortly before the collision. The car drove away at high speed, colliding with three other vehicles, when a police motorcyclist arrived at the scene and dismounted to interview the driver.

A mile away, the Fiesta smashed head-on into a car driven by Elsie Wiggins, 74, of Slough, Berkshire, who was in intensive care last night at the Queen Alexandra Hospital, Cosham, Hampshire.

A post-mortem examination established that Mrs Williamson had been asphyxiated shortly before the accident on Friday evening. The 18-year-old was taken to the Royal Surrey Hospital, Guildford, where he was later arrested and placed under 24-hour police guard. Detective Super-

intendent Andy Longman, leading the investigation, said: "Mrs Williamson and the man we have arrested worked together at the same factory in Petersfield, and it appears she sometimes offered him a lift home in the evening."

"What happened on Friday, as they were coming home, we have not yet established but we are satisfied that Mrs Williamson was murdered. The two of them were not linked romantically in any way."

He said the arrested youth underwent a life-saving operation for serious head injuries. "He is conscious and has been told his rights but he is too ill to be interviewed."

"We have a witness who has told us of an incident they saw involving a teenager and Mrs Williamson outside the Fiesta car at the South Ham Barn roundabout at Liss," he added. Police said they were considering the possibility that, after the murder, the Ford Fiesta was driven deliberately at the Maestros.

The Fiesta belonged to Mrs Williamson and we do not believe that the teenager had her permission to be driving. We are very keen to hear from anyone who saw it being driven along the A3 from Liss towards the A325 and then to Greatham between 4pm and 5pm on Friday," Mr Longman said. He gave the Fiesta's registration number as H203 XHM.

Third force acts to protect witnesses

By RICHARD FORD
HOME CORRESPONDENT

GROWING attempts by criminals to intimidate witnesses has led a third police force to set up a special unit to protect and relocate people willing to give evidence in court.

More than twenty people from Northumbria have been moved from their homes after being threatened by criminals including a woman witness and a vandalised her home.

The unit, which begins operating tomorrow, has been set up because senior officers in Tyneside suspect that ten well known criminals in the North East have targeted witnesses to prevent them giving evidence in major Crown Court trials.

Detective Chief Superintendent Barry Stewart said: "We have moved over twenty people who have given crucial evidence in major prosecutions. Many criminals think they are a law unto themselves. If money does not work to persuade people not to give evidence, they turn to threats. Witnesses realise they can face a bad time and the unit has been established to ensure justice is done."

The unit, comprising a detective sergeant and two detective constables, will provide support to witnesses who have been threatened, help relocate them at new addresses in different parts of the country and provide them with new identities.

Second World War veteran is refused British passport

By JOHN YOUNG

A VETERAN of the Second World War who settled in Britain after arriving as an Army volunteer in 1943 has been refused a passport unless he pays £135 to become a naturalised citizen.

Fifty years after being injured in a flying-bomb explosion while helping to load a barge taking supplies to Normandy, Lewis D'Abreu, 73, of Redditch, Hereford and Worcester, was told that he was not entitled to a passport because, under the British Nationality Act 1981, he was not a British citizen.

Mr D'Abreu, whose case has been taken up by the Soldiers', Sailors' and Air-men's Families Association, lost his hearing as a result of the explosion and is entitled to a war pension. He worked in Britain until his retirement.

His wife, Mary, said yesterday that he was born in the Azores, where he was provided with a birth certificate by the British consulate,



Lewis D'Abreu in 1945 and, right, yesterday

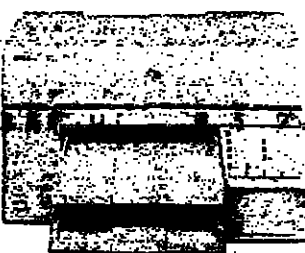
and had always assumed he was a full British citizen. When he was two, his parents moved to Madeira and in 1941 he was given a British passport in Funchal so that he could travel to Britain to enlist. "He thought it was his duty," she said.

After being demobilised in 1947 he decided to settle in what he assumed to be his country. He and his wife tra-

velled abroad on several occasions on temporary passports issued by the Post Office without problems.

"It was only when he decided to apply for a full ten-year passport that he was told he would have to apply for naturalisation," Mrs D'Abreu said. "He says he swore allegiance to king and country when he joined the Army and he doesn't see why he should do it again."

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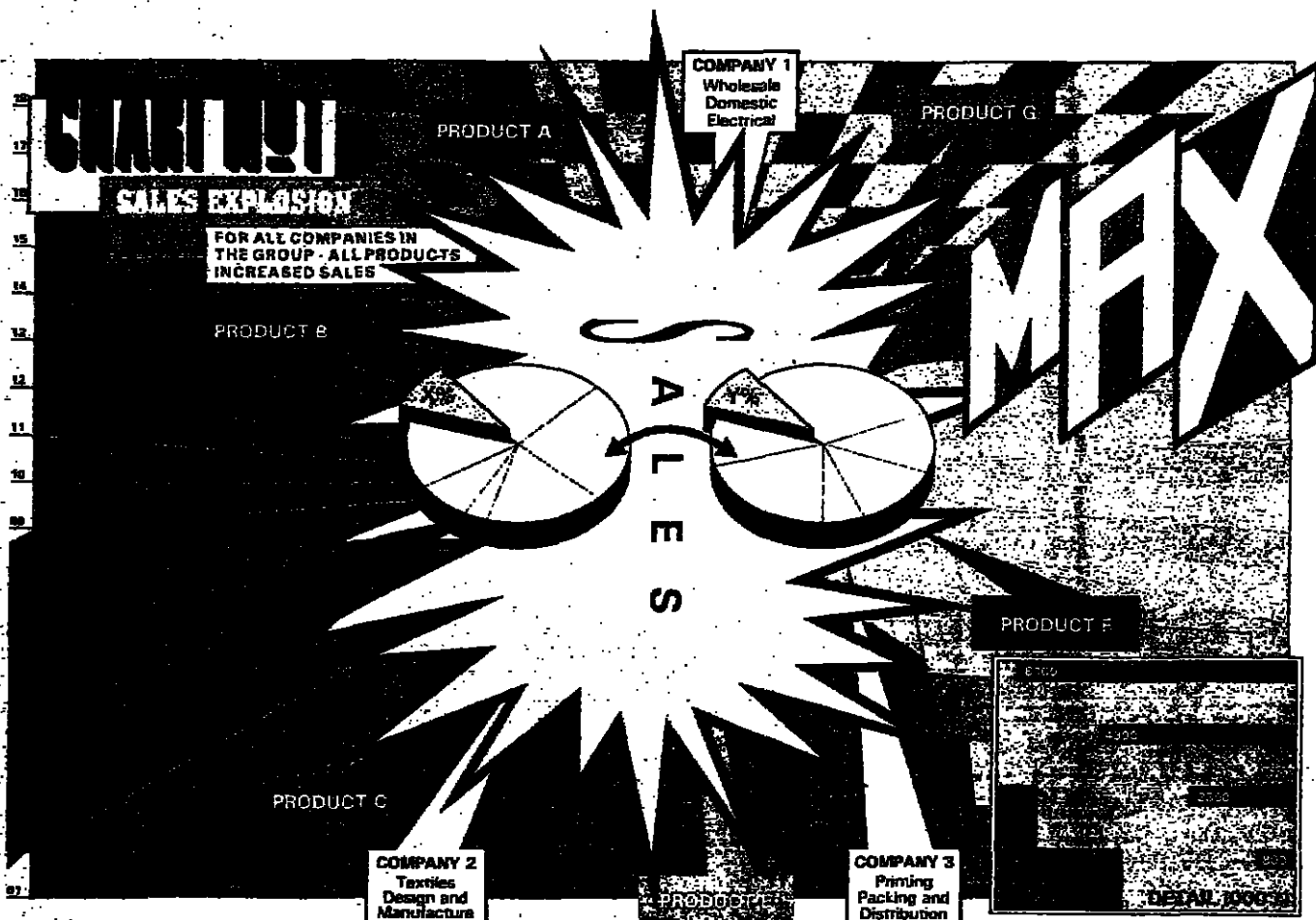
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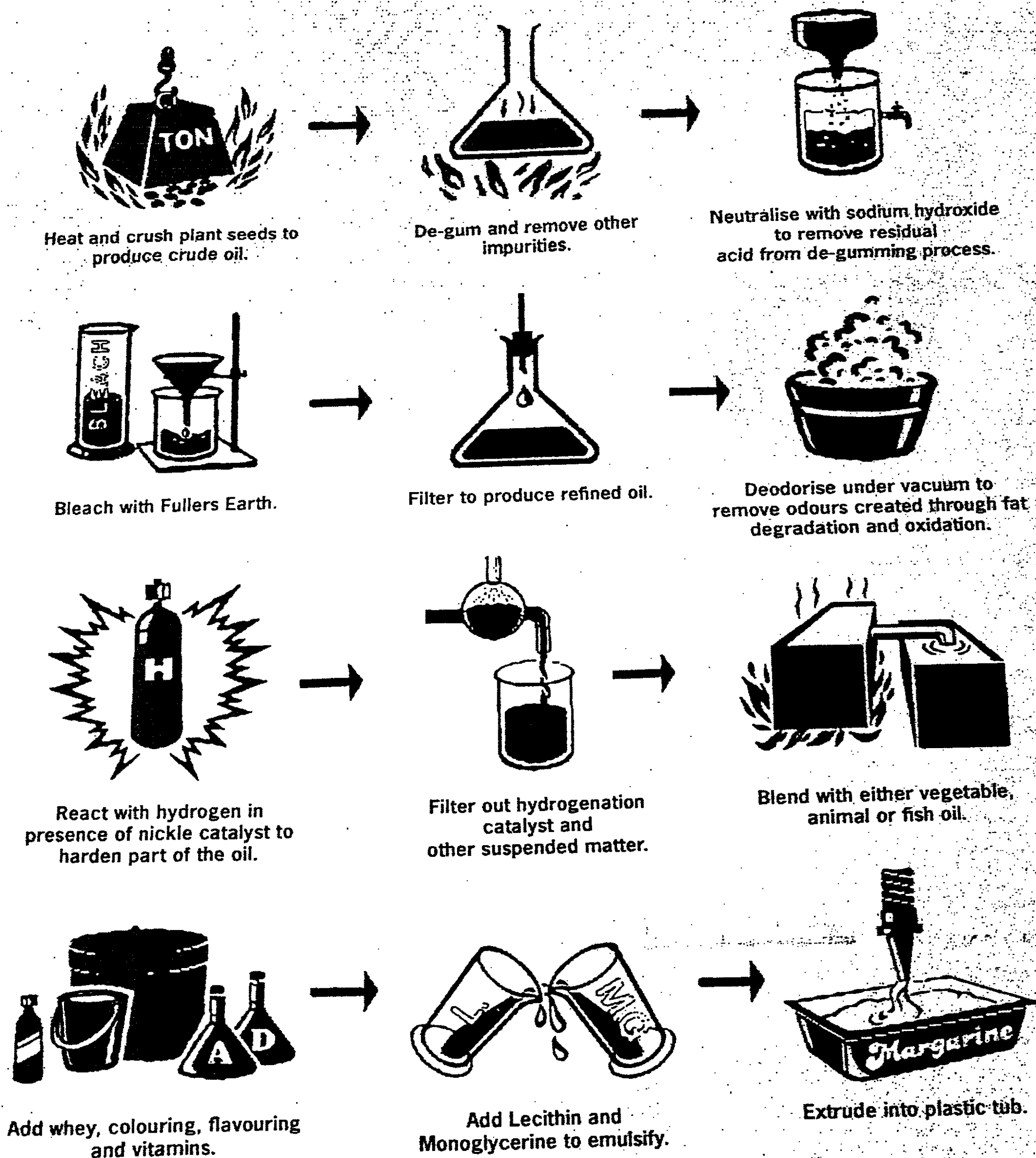
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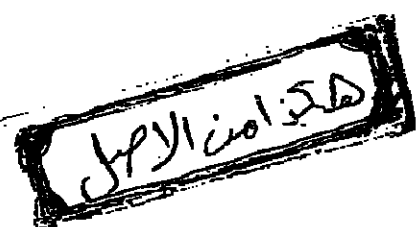
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5,000 jobs to go in Customs cost-cutting

By MICHAEL DYNES, WHITEHALL CORRESPONDENT

ALMOST 5,000 Customs and Excise jobs are to be cut in the biggest shake-up in the department's history, designed to prune the department's £544 million annual running costs.

An estimated 600 drugs officers working at ports and airports are to be made redundant, along with about 2,000 VAT control officers. Customs and Excise's 22 regional offices, known as collections, will be reduced to 14 by a series of mergers designed to reduce departmental running costs, eliminate duplication and boost efficiency. The eight

duce the number of anti-smuggling officers is likely to provoke criticism over weakening the country's defences against drugs and other illegal imports.

Customs officials are due to give evidence today to the all-party Treasury and Civil Service Committee inquiry into imports of beer, wine and tobacco from France. Last week the committee heard evidence that Customs officials already face an "impossible task" trying to stem the flood of cheap imports.

Under the proposals, two of Customs' five London offices, London Central and London Port, are likely to be abolished. Their VAT and excise collection functions will be taken over by London North and London South. London Heathrow will remain, but will assume responsibility for other airports such as Luton.

Customs offices in Glasgow and Edinburgh will merge, as will regional offices in Leeds and northern England, Manchester and Liverpool, South and North Wales, and south-western England and Southampton. The jurisdictions of other regional offices, such as Dover, East Anglia, and East and West Midlands, will be extended.

Mike King, the National Union of Civil and Public Servants' official responsible for customs matters, said that reducing the number of anti-smuggling officers at ports and airports would result only in more drugs entering the country.

"Preclaiming to small businesses that there will no longer be proper controls over their accounts is tantamount to inviting them to defraud the Exchequer or face the prospect of hiring accountants to do the work of the VAT-man," he said.



Heathcoat-Amory review submitted

Customs Commissioners, responsible for overseeing the collection of about £66.5 billion a year in revenue, are to be reshuffled.

The proposals are part of Customs and Excise's year-long expenditure review led by Richard Allen, head of the Treasury's management policy group. The review was submitted to David Heathcoat-Amory, the Paymaster General, in September. Ministers are expected to decide on the proposals early this week and they will be announced in November. However, any decision to re-



Alan Fowle, left, and Paul Bolton sample students' union food at Hull University before beginning a week with only £23.10 on which to live

University staff try taste of life on a student grant

By PAUL WILKINSON

FOUR senior university staff are giving up their £35,000-a-year lifestyles to live on a student income of £23.10 for a week. They hope to highlight the problems facing undergraduates who have just suffered a 10 per cent cut in grants.

For the next five days they will be eating beans on toast and living in Hull University student accommodation.

Mark Moody, president of the students' union, who threw down the challenge, said: "They seem pretty confident they are going to survive, but I am not so sure. I think it will be a pretty severe culture shock. They will find themselves living on chips

and something on toast and staying in to watch an awful lot of telly."

Their allowance equates to the cash an average student is left with for food, drink and transport after paying for lodgings, books and other overheads. If things get tough they can draw an extra £7.70 which is calculated on the £400 annual overdraft banks allow students.

Mr Moody, 20, has been given their credit cards to prevent any cheating, but said: "I believe they are taking things very seriously and will go along with the experiment." He added: "A recent students' union survey showed one in five drop out

of further education through financial difficulties. It causes a tremendous amount of stress."

The four guinea pigs are Alan Fowle, the administrative secretary, Paul Bolton, the registrar, Kevin O'Hara, director of finance, and Jack Hardisty, dean of the geography and earth studies school.

Mr Fowle, 53, who was an undergraduate at Aberdeen, said: "I am very sympathetic to the problems facing students today. They have a far harder time than we did." Mr Fowle's diary of his experiences will appear in *The Times* education section.

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Charter project fails to hit mark

By BEN PRESTON, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

THE Prime Minister's Charter Mark competition to promote improved public services is floundering. Only one in 650 state schools took up invitations to enter.

More than 24,000 state schools were sent details and asked to compete, yet just 37 entered the contest that cost the taxpayer more than £700,000. Whitehall figures disclose.

The Charter Mark, in its third year, has failed to capture the imagination. Overall, it attracted just 532 applications. Some 98 awards were made to bodies such as the Victoria and Albert Museum. Ten schools and colleges

received awards from John Major at a ceremony at the Festival Hall a fortnight ago which cost £332,500. The competition cost a further £370,000 to advertise.

Stephen Byers, Labour MP for Wallasey, who asked a series of written parliamentary questions to disclose the cost of the contest, said: "Mr Major has pumped taxpayers' money into a project that is little more than a personal obsession. After three years he should admit the game is up."

The Education Department said: "It obviously takes time for a scheme such as this to gain momentum."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Couple die from fume poisoning

Paul Brammer, 39, and his wife Jacqueline, 36, were found dead in their home after being poisoned by fumes from a solid-fuel boiler, police said yesterday.

Their children, Rebecca, 17, and Louise, 13, were found alive but unconscious on Saturday in the house at Retford, Nottinghamshire. Police were alerted by a neighbour who smelled fumes.

Prank misfires

A 15-year-old boy who had been playing Halloween pranks by bombing pedestrians with water-filled balloons survived a fall from a four-storey block of flats at Townhill Park, Southampton. He broke his ankles and an arm.

Train kills boy

Martin McKenna, 7, of Hoylake, Merseyside, was killed by a train at an unmanned level crossing near Hoylake Station as he was trying to cross the line with his brother Johnathan, 14, who was unable to save him.

Head-on death

A motorist driving on the wrong side of a road near Ipsden, Oxfordshire, was killed when he collided head-on with another car. Police named him as David Michael Ward, 46. His address is not known.

Murder charge

Frank Lazar, 60, of west London, a retired decorator, will appear in court today, charged with murder. Nicholas Brazil, 28, believed to be of Notting Hill, was shot in a crowded pub on Friday night.

Parcel bomb

Paul Barton, 40, of Skipton, Lancashire, a video shop owner, was slightly injured when a parcel containing a video cassette exploded in his hands.

Mummy study

The first centre for biomedical and forensic studies in Egyptology has been set up at Manchester University. It will offer a master of science degree.

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In defence of intelligence tests

What ever else they may have done, Charles Murray and his co-writer, the late Richard Herrnstein, have succeeded in inflaming popular fears about IQ testing. Their wilfully provocative book, *The Bell Curve*, paints a dismal picture of a society calcifying into castes as rewards are allocated on the basis of intellectual ability rather than family connections or individual patronage.

It portrays the bright retreating from the rest of society, marrying equally talented mates, producing equally promising children, living in fortified urban estates, ensuring that their children mix only with their own kind and trying to turn themselves into an isolated and self-perpetuating caste. This pattern of self-segregation is repeated, in nightmarish form, with the dull. They dally with equally dull mates, spawn dull offspring, turn inner-city ghettos into no-go areas and, locked out of the job market by their lack of qualifications, drift into crime, drug addiction and welfare dependency. As if all this were not dangerous enough, Murray and Herrnstein add two explosive ingredients to their cock-

tail. They argue that IQ is "substantially hereditary". They speculate that different races do not do equally well in the IQ stakes: Asians, on average, score slightly above and blacks substantially below average. So social policies that are intended to produce a "race-neutral" distribution of rewards will inevitably run up against the unforgiving facts of genetics: Jews will always be unusually prominent in the professoriate and blacks will inevitably be over-represented in the underclass.

There you have it, the liberal nightmare confirmed: inequality justified, racial prejudices inflamed and social reform dismissed. The sad thing about all this, from the perspective of those who regard meritocracy as a goal to be achieved rather than a nightmare to be avoided, is that it rests on a misrepresentation of IQ testing.

True, there have always been people who have drawn dark conclusions from these tests, but the dominant tradition among intelligence testers, particularly in Britain, has been more optimistic, concerned with promoting upward mobility, distinguishing between the deserving and undeserving poor, guiding

agenda

Amid the growing reaction against the Murray and Herrnstein vision of IQ tests, Adrian Wooldridge defends the search for ways to promote individuals from all social groups in an efficient meritocracy

child-centred education, helping the mentally handicapped and generally creating an efficient meritocracy.

The world according to Murray and Herrnstein is a depressingly static one, with the bright at the top, the dull at the bottom and little movement between the two. But psychometry is a theory of social mobility not social stasis: it tries to explain why the bright have dull children and the dull bright ones.

The mechanism between this relentless resorting to Mendelian inheritance, which ensures that the genes are re-jigged in each generation. One expression of all this is regression to the mean: the tendency of tall parents to have slightly

shorter children, for example. In fact it is hereditarianism's sworn enemy, environmentalism, which is really a theory of social stasis: if the rich and educated can pass on to their children, unperturbed by chromosomes, then social mobility will always be something of a freak.

Properly used, IQ tests normally promote rather than suppress social mobility. Tests are much less class-based than other forms of educational assessments, such as scholastic examinations (which favour the well-taught), teacher assessments (which favour the well brought-up), or neighbourhood schools (which institutionalise selection by

house price). Tests are also much more sensitive to individual circumstances than affirmative action, which treats all people as representatives of undifferentiated social groups rather than as unique individuals. IQ tests attempt, imperfectly perhaps but certainly better than the competition, to "read through" the veneer of culture and reveal raw ability.

The history of IQ testing is closely related to the history of meritocracy. The idea at the heart of intelligence testing — that positions should be allocated on the basis of exam results, and that exams should be framed to test the raw abilities of candidates, not just their acquired learning — were forged in the battle between the educated bourgeoisie and the aristocracy.

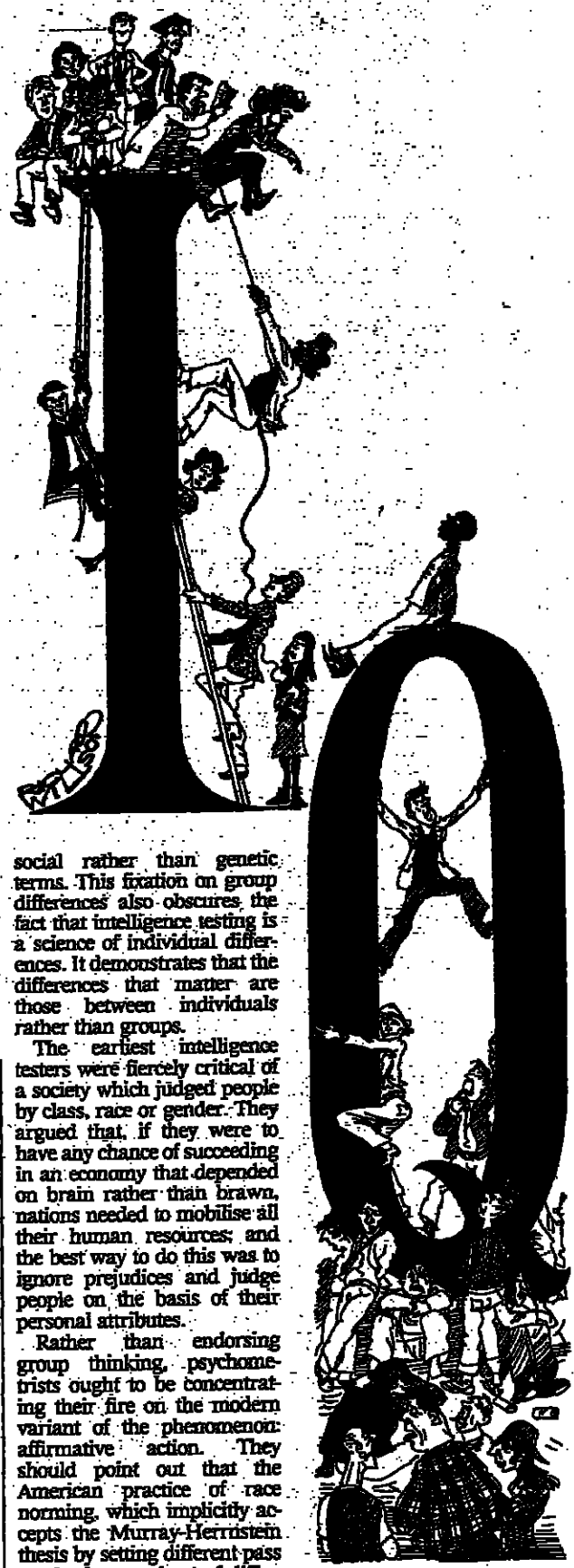
Macaulay, one of the 19th century's leading advocates of ability-based examinations, hoped to reform universities and civil services throughout the empire, replacing landed aristocrats with intellectual aristocrats. Cyril Burt, the most eloquent and influential advocate of IQ testing during its golden age, was a fervent supporter of the 1945 Labour

Government. Perhaps the greatest social experiment in using IQ tests to allocate educational opportunities took place in post-war Britain and the result was an admirable boost to social mobility.

The revolt against the 11-plus was led by middle-class parents who regarded selection by house prices (known as the comprehensive system) as a safer way of transmitting privileges to their children than selection by IQ.

Murray and Herrnstein keep returning, like addicts to the needle, to the question of group differences. Though they surround their arguments with all sorts of caveats, they point out that blacks score, on average, less well than whites and suggest that these group differences may have profound implications for social policy.

This argument is, to put it mildly, questionable. As Murray and Herrnstein admit, the environment accounts for anything from 20 per cent to 60 per cent of IQ differences and, as anybody who has travelled around American cities knows, blacks tend to live in poorer environments than whites. There is every reason to believe that these group differences can be explained in



social rather than genetic terms. This fixation on group differences also obscures the fact that intelligence testing is a science of individual differences. It demonstrates that the differences that matter are those between individuals rather than groups.

The earliest intelligence testers were fiercely critical of a society which judged people by class, race or gender. They argued that, if they were to have any chance of succeeding in an economy that depended on brain rather than brawn, nations needed to mobilise all their human resources; and the best way to do this was to ignore prejudices and judge people on the basis of their personal attributes.

Rather than endorsing group thinking, psychologists ought to be concentrating their fire on the modern variant of the phenomenon: affirmative action. They should point out that the American practice of race norming, which implicitly accepts the Murray-Herrnstein thesis by setting different pass marks for members of different races, is deeply racist, and that the supposed beneficiaries of affirmative action have a horrendous time trying to master a university curriculum for which their education has not prepared them. In short, they should point out that the whole concept system reinforces the problems it is trying to solve, institutionalising racism, inflaming bigotry and squandering talent.

The other idea fine in *The Bell Curve* is the futility of social reform. Certainly, intelligence testing (like common sense) may warn us against pursuing quixotic goals such as imposing absolute equality or ensuring that different races are equally represented in all social positions. But it does not undermine ambitious social policies. Hereditarians admit that environment plays a substantial role (never less than 20 per cent, perhaps as much as 50 per cent) in explaining individual differences; they also admit that ability can only be turned into achievements through education and training.

Contrary to Murray and Herrnstein, the psychology of individual differences might well suggest a more generous, not a more parsimonious, social policy. The fact that

some people are constitutionally dull should surely, in an enlightened society, promote a generous system of compensation. The backward should be given special education, with smaller classes and better-trained teachers than their more fortunate contemporaries; and they should be helped to find jobs, houses and a secure social niche.

The trouble with Murray and Herrnstein is that they may do more to damage the cause they claim to be championing than any number of flat-earth egalitarians. As the reaction against them gathers force, we need to remind ourselves that, in Britain at least, IQ testing has traditionally been associated with the quest for a meritocratic society, cushioned by welfare provisions for the dull and driven by a child-centred education system, based on the needs of children rather than the convenience of educationists.

Adrian Wooldridge is a fellow of All Souls College, Oxford, and a journalist with *The Economist*. His *Measuring the Mind: Education and Psychology in England 1860-1990* is published by Cambridge University Press on November 10.

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□ Sir Francis Galton (1812-1911), who had the good fortune to be both Charles Darwin's cousin and the heir to a fortune, was the father of intelligence testing. His early life was devoted to African exploration but he later became obsessed with counting, measuring everything he could, from the distended buttocks of a Hotentot woman (from a distance, with a theodolite) to the distribution of "pulchritude" in the British Isles. He combined that with his other two obsessions: family pedigrees (he drew up family trees of everybody from Cambridge Wranglers to West Country wrestlers) and statistics to create the rudiments of the science of IQ testing.



□ Sir Cyril Burt, widely regarded as the inventor of the 11-plus, led the movement to apply intelligence testing to education, particularly the identification of backward children, allocating coveted grammar school places and dividing schools into streams. His influence was all the greater because he moved between practical psychology (he was Britain's first applied psychologist), academia (a professor at University College London) and policy-making (he was arguably the most influential member of the key educational policy body in the 1920s and 1930s). After his death in 1971 he was accused of all sorts of academic crimes; from inventing vital research data about identical twins to being difficult with his colleagues. Recent books have done much to clear his name.




□ Richard Herrnstein was in the forefront of the recent movement to revive intelligence testing, which had fallen out of favour in the late 1950s and 1960s. Having made his reputation and earned his Harvard professorship as an expert on animal behaviour, specialising in pigeons, he became interested in the inheritance of intelligence. In *IQ in the Meritocracy*, published in 1971, he argued that egalitarian policies were self-defeating: the more you equalised opportunities, the more you divided society into intellectual castes. Though the book did not even touch on racial differences in IQ, it led to a storm of protests. Undeterred, he went on to co-write a book on crime and human nature as well as his latest work with Charles Murray on intelligence and class. He died two months ago.

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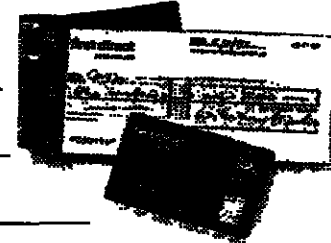
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North African neighbours fear domino effect if Islamic fundamentalists sweep to victory

Algiers forced into retreat by militants

FROM GENEVE ABDO IN ALGIERS

GUNFIRE breaks the children's chatter in the Casbah, the marketplace stronghold of North Africa's most virulent Islamic radicals. Merchants take cover behind their storefronts. Shoppers scatter like scared cats off the congested, narrow street.

A young man steps out to assess the result of the shootout: two policemen dead, a few others wounded.

In this romantic city, a little Paris along the Mediterranean with an Arabic flair, death is a way of life. Islamic extremists are waging a war to claim power torn from their grasp in 1991, when they won a majority of seats in parliamentary elections. Algeria's military-civilian junta cancelled the second round of voting. Since then the country has been ruled by a military dictatorship, but the regime is losing its grip on power.

In the Kabylie mountains, three hours by car from the capital, ethnic Berbers have

formed private armies against Islamic militants. In the west, the military and police have all but abandoned Islamic-held villages and towns.

"We don't want to share power with the regime," says Salah Sidhoum, a sympathiser with the radical Islamic Salvation Front (FIS), sitting in his office in the militant-held district of Kouba.

"The Islamists will hand over their arms when new elections are called," says Mr Sidhoum, who is said to have masterminded the killings of several intellectuals.

Algeria's growing pains are cause for alarm in the West. The struggle is encouraging the Islamic movements in neighbouring countries, and victory in Algeria could give the kind of boost to Islamic groups in the Middle East, particularly in Egypt, that the Iranian revolution did in 1979.

The few foreigners and diplomats left in Algiers live in a government hotel, where un-

dercover security agents nearly outnumber guests. In September last year the Armed Islamic Group told all foreigners to leave. Since then at least 69 foreigners have been murdered.

It is estimated that between 20,000 and 30,000 Algerians have been killed, although the government claims the toll is closer to 10,000. Young girls have been killed for not wearing the *hejab*, an Islamic head-dress. Teachers, journalists and doctors considered secular enemies of Islam have been targeted.

Feeding Algerians' terror is uncertainty over who will strike next and where. The tactics of the security forces and the militants have converged: each side blames the carnage on the other. Government-sponsored death squads, known as *Ninjas*, kill young men who are believed to be potential Islamic militants, human rights activists say.

The paradox of the war is



Phil Rees, centre, a BBC journalist, with guerrillas of the Army of Islamic Salvation in the Atlas mountain region of Algeria. Rees and his crew are believed to be the first from the media to reach the rebel forces during the militant campaign against the Algiers government

that it emerged from the freest elections ever held in the Arab world. In October 1988, rioting broke out over frustration with the failed economic policies of the FLN, which had ruled since independence. President Chadli Benjedid put

down the unrest by bringing in the army and promising reforms.

In February 1989, voters approved a new constitution drafted by the FLN that paved the way for a multi-party system. Within a year more

than 30 political parties were established, including the FIS, the first legally recognised Islamic party in the Arab world.

The army may have forestalled a theocracy but what they got instead was a nation-

wide insurgency. The Islamic Salvation Front has spawned extremist splinter groups. The core of Algeria's militant network is estimated at 1,000 men who fought in the war in Afghanistan against Soviet occupation, according to diplo-

matic sources. Even if the government reaches an accord with the FIS, there is doubt that the settlement would end the violence. The Armed Islamic Group has vowed it will never negotiate and will wage war to the bitter end.

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Dialogue breaks down

Tunisia: President Zouari of Algeria admitted at the weekend that a political dialogue with the Islamic Salvation Front had failed. His address to the nation tomorrow, marking the fortieth anniversary of revolution against French colonial rule, is expected to focus on the conflict, which a French

military source said is now sometimes more intense than the 1954-62 independence war. The Defence Ministry announced yesterday that Major-General Mohamed Lamari, who has vowed to suppress militant violence, was being promoted to lieutenant-general. (Reuters)

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Secret Service watched as attacker was subdued by passers-by

White House gun attack forces review of security

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

THE American Secret Service is to broaden its review of presidential protection after an army veteran strafed the north face of the White House with bullets in the second serious breach of Washington security in less than two months.

Francisco Martin Duran, a 26-year-old hotel worker from Colorado Springs, fired a hail of shots at the White House on Saturday afternoon before two bystanders grabbed his assault rifle and subdued the gunman, until Secret Service agents arrived.

President Clinton, who had just returned from a four-day trip to the Middle East, was in the White House residence 30 yards away, watching American football on television. Hillary Clinton was touring California, and Chelsea, their daughter, was not in the White House at the time.

Mr Duran, who was charged yesterday with un-

lawful possession of a firearm and damaging government property, is due to appear in court today and could eventually face a sentence of up to ten years in prison. Although the FBI said a charge of attempted assassination was also being considered, there was little likelihood this would be implemented.

Witnesses at the site of the shooting, the pavement of Pennsylvania Avenue north of the White House, said they saw Mr Duran pull out the gun, a Chinese-made SKS rifle — imports of which were recently banned by Mr Clinton — and spray 20 to 30 rounds randomly through the wrought-iron fence that surrounds the grounds. Three bullets struck the mansion, while five further shots hit the West Wing press room.

Robert Haines, who was walking his baby in a pushchair past the gates, grabbed the rifle as another unidentified

man wrestled Mr Duran, in the process of reloading, to the ground. Secret Service agents, who said they had the gunman trained in their sights before the two men had tackled him, then swarmed over the White House grounds and the area outside the main gate. They said it had been important to ensure he was not a diversion for another attack and so had been forced to check elsewhere before concentrating on Mr Duran.

Richard Griffin, an assistant Secret Service director, said the gunman acted alone and added: "I would not characterise this as an assassination attempt. No way."

Mr Duran was said to be carrying a note which suggested he wished to be killed in some sort of confrontation. He was dishonourably discharged from the army in 1991 after pleading guilty to aggravated assault and drunken disorderly conduct and spent four years behind bars at Fort Leavenworth, the army penitentiary in Kansas.

When agents discovered his Chevrolet pick-up near the White House it was covered in stickers such as "I just got a gun for my wife. It's the best trade I ever made." Another said: "Those who beat their guns into ploughs will plough for those who don't." Before leaving Colorado Mr Duran had told his wife, Ingrid, that he was "going to buy the material I need for target practice".

The shooting has once more raised questions about the ability of the Secret Service to defend the President. It is only six weeks since Frank Corcor, 39, a lorry driver, crashed his light aircraft into the South Lawn without so much as a shot being fired at the approaching plane by teams of snipers camped in and around the White House.

Leon Panetta, the White House Chief of Staff, has asked the Secret Service investigation of Saturday's incident to be combined with that of the



A window of the White House press room in which a top panel was hit by a bullet

plane crash and called for a general review of all security measures.

President Clinton, whose schedule has not been interrupted by the incident, said the sound of the bullets had blended with the cheers of the college football game. "I'm glad to be back in the safety and security of the White House," he joked to guests at an Italian-American dinner.

William Rees-Mogg, page 18

Clinton's foreign gamble raises Democrat hopes

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Clinton, his stature enhanced by his whirlwind Middle East tour, today launches a final eight-day, 15-city campaign blitz, with Democrats increasingly hopeful of averting a rout at the hands of the Republicans in congressional and governors' elections tomorrow week.

Mr Clinton's advisers had warned him not to leave the country so near to election day, but as he returned exhausted to the White House at the weekend it appeared his gamble had paid off.

US news programmes have been dominated by upbeat pictures of the President witnessing the signing of the US-brokered Israel-Jordan peace treaty, greeting US troops in the Kuwait desert, being praised by monarchs and Prime Ministers, and looking presidential. From the Emir of Kuwait's palace on Friday he trumpeted figures showing America enjoying its strongest economic growth in a decade.

From today Mr Clinton will be on the road right up to November 8, and he will no longer be such an obvious liability to his party's candidates. Two new weekend polls showed improvements in his ratings and some who had previously asked him to stay away are now keen to be seen with him.

A Time magazine survey gave him 48 per cent support, up four points in a fortnight and the first time since June that more approved than disapproved of his performance. A Newsweek poll gave him a 44 per cent approval rating, up eight points in a month.

The polls also showed an improvement in the Democrats' fortunes generally. The Time survey showed 40 per cent intending to vote for Democratic candidates and 35 per cent for Republicans, an exact reversal of the figures two weeks ago, while Newsweek showed the Republicans now enjoying only a two-point advantage.

In the latest sign of disunity within Republican ranks, Richard Riordan, the Republican Mayor of Los Angeles, was yesterday set to endorse Dianne Feinstein, California's Democratic senator. This was another body blow to the imploding campaign of Mich-

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ael Huffington, the Republican, who has spent more than \$20 million trying to unseat Ms Feinstein.

Senator Edward Kennedy is pulling away from Mitt Romney in Massachusetts, and Mario Cuomo has edged ahead of George Pataki, the Republican aiming to replace him as New York's Governor.

Nine Senate, 100 House and 16 governors' races are too close to call, and the Republicans will still make big gains, but their chances of gaining the seven Senate and 40 House seats they need to take outright control of Congress appear to be slipping.

Whether Mr Clinton's tour boosted Middle East peace prospects as much as his own domestic standing was less clear yesterday. He underscored America's commitment to the peace process, and gave valuable moral and economic support to those regional leaders talking risks for peace, and forcefully denounced the terrorists trying to destroy it. He used an address to the Jordanian parliament to deliver an unprecedented message to all Arab peoples, arguing that there was no inherent conflict between Western and Islamic civilisations.

However, his decision to give President Assad of Syria the prestige of a presidential visit was being questioned, as it appears to have secured no new concessions.



Feinstein endorsed by Republican Mayor

Rebel radio refers to hostages

BY JAMES PRINGLE

FOR the first time in two months, the Khmer Rouge has referred in a broadcast to the three Western hostages it kidnapped in Cambodia in July.

Some diplomats say there is a possibility that the guerrillas, who regard King Sihanouk as the monarch, might make a gesture today, on his 72nd birthday, by heading his request to free them.

The fate of Mark Slater, 28, a Briton, David Wilson, 29, an Australian, and Jean-Michel Braquet, 27, a Frenchman, is still unknown, despite reports

last week that they were dead. Gareth Evans, the Australian Foreign Minister, said last week there was "very credible" evidence that they had been killed a month earlier. The Cambodian government has since said there was no such evidence.

The Khmer Rouge, in its weekend broadcast, spoke of the hostages without mentioning their fate. It also said that Dr Evans owed "a blood debt" to the Cambodian people.

The whereabouts of the hostages, if they are still alive,

are also unclear since the Vine Mountain guerrilla base, where they were held, has been overrun by Cambodian soldiers. No shallow graves have been found there.

Diplomats also took consolation because General Noun Past, the Khmer Rouge commander who had held the mountain redoubt, had freed an American woman aid worker earlier this year. They said that King Sihanouk's birthday might be an occasion for the Khmer Rouge to make an announcement.

Maputo poll ends peacefully

The three days of voting in Mozambique's first democratic election passed without serious incident, bringing sighs of relief from the thousands of foreign observers sent there to oversee the poll (Michael Hamlyn writes).

Tensions were high and there were reports of clashes between political groups in the northern Nampula province, but Sir David Steel, the former Liberal Party leader, who is in the capital, Maputo, as part of a European Parliament delegation, said that the virtual lack of incidents was remarkable for a country emerging from civil war. "It went fantastically," he said.

Pastor ousted

Hong Kong Li Dequan, the chief pastor of the largest Protestant church in Beijing and a sympathiser with dissident causes, has been replaced by a Communist Party appointee.

Poll killings

Bogotá: More than 24 people have been killed in Colombia's local elections and some polls cancelled. Cocaine cartels and guerrillas were reported to be consolidating control in various areas. (Reuters)

Bomb kills four

Baghdad: A bomb in a baby food container killed three policemen and a church official outside a Catholic church in Baghdad as police were trying to defuse the device. (Reuters)

'Madam' trial

Los Angeles: Jury selection begins today in the trial of Heidi Fleiss, the alleged "Hollywood madam" who is accused of running a high-priced call-girl ring and possessing cocaine. (Reuters)

\$70m jackpot

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Burma dissident sees junta chiefs for talks

BY JAMES PRINGLE

AUNG San Sun Kyi, the Burmese opposition leader, has held a second session of talks with the leading generals of the Rangoon junta.

Daw Sun Kyi, the Nobel peace laureate who has been under house arrest since July 1989, seemed healthier and more relaxed than six weeks ago, when she first met the military chiefs. On Friday she saw Lieutenant-General Khin Nyunt, of the State Law and Order Restoration Council, at a military guest house. He is believed to be the leading figure in the Burmese military regime after General Ne Win, the strongman behind the scenes.

Unlike the first meeting in September, the latest talks were reported prominently in local newspapers. Also at the three-hour discussions, described by the state media as "frank and cordial", were

Brigadier-General Than Oo, the Armed Forces Judge Advocate-General, and Brigadier-General Tin Aye, the Armed Forces Inspector-General. "I think this is more than show and they really want to hold substantive talks," one diplomat said.



Sun Kyi: more relaxed than at previous talks

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Brussels 'bulldozer' stopped in his tracks

By Alice Thomson
POLITICAL REPORTER

When Margaret Thatcher offered Sir Leon Brittan a job as a European Commissioner in Brussels six years ago, he nearly refused.

Forced to resign as Trade and Industry Secretary after the Westland scandal, he feared he would face an even greater exile in Brussels than on the backbenches of the Commons. However, it did not take Sir Leon long to realise that he could wield far greater influence in Brussels than he ever did in Whitehall. He is unlikely to want to give it up, even though he has lost the battle for the plum job in the new team put together by Jacques Santer, the European Commission President.

Although he disliked the macho serum of the Commons, Sir Leon, 55, is ideally suited to the maelstrom of Brussels. As a political operator he has always worked much better behind closed doors than in public.

He also enjoys the social life of the city, entertaining in a large rented house in ambassadorial style.

His staff say his trump cards are his lawyer's ability to translate a complex, long-winded brief into action and his drive and ambition. "He has the style of a bulldozer," says a senior EC official.

Sir Leon got a taste for politics while at Cambridge debating with his friends Michael Howard and Kenneth Clarke. After a career at the Bar, he became the youngest member of Mrs Thatcher's Cabinet in 1981 as Chief Secretary to the Treasury. But as Home Secretary his star became tarnished and it was noted that he did not shine on television.

His involvement in the leaking of the Solicitor-General's letter at the height of the Westland affair, and his subsequent banishment, would have finished other ministers.

But friends consider that Sir Leon has vindicated himself in Brussels since he arrived in 1989 to take up the post of senior Commissioner respon-

sible for EC competition policy and later gaining the influential job of dealing with world trade talks and the European Union's trading policy.

Sir Leon did not take long to convince the bureaucracy that he was no poodle of the British Government. He took an advanced French course and was outspoken on what he sees as London's carping on the sidelines and has always stood firm on European monetary union. But he was also the only Commissioner to vote against the Social Chapter.

It was his role as the EC's chief negotiator over the protracted General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) talks which turned him from an aloof intellectual into a respected deal-maker and one of the most senior men in the EC. His skill at juggling the needs of all 12 member states, particularly the recalcitrant French, and making the EC the obvious winners in the Uruguay Round, also made him an obvious contender for the Commission's pres-

idency. Mickey Kantor, America's GATT negotiator, called him a "master diplomat with tremendous intellect" after he forced concessions on Washington. Even Jacques Delors, the former EC President, reluctantly bowed to Sir Leon over GATT and Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, has praised his negotiating skills. But his intellect and negotiating abilities have failed to win him the presidency and now the job of being responsible for bringing Eastern Europe's former communist states into the EU. The blow is even greater as he has spent his time since the GATT trade talks advising the emerging economies of Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union.

Sir Leon's failure to win the presidency was put down to the fact that there had been a British President, Lord Jenkins of Hillhead. But he has always had his detractors in Brussels, who see him as charming and smug with too many brains and not enough common sense.

Old hands to lead Santer team for Europe

By Wolfgang Münch

THE current salary of a European commissioner is equivalent to about £100,000 per annum, taxed at a low preferential rate. Each has an official car and a chauffeur.

The commissioners are: Jacques Santer (Luxembourg): President of the Commission; overall responsibility for common foreign and security policy; and economic and monetary union.

Hans van den Broek (The Netherlands): external relations with Central and Eastern Europe; the Baltic republics and the states of the former Soviet Union; operational responsibility for foreign and security policy.

Mansuet Marín (Spain): external relations with the southern Mediterranean, Middle East, parts of the Far East and Latin America.

Sir Leon Brittan (UK): foreign trade and external relations with countries of Organisation for Economic Development and Co-operation, plus parts of Asia.

João de Deus Pinheiro (Portugal): external relations with Africa, Caribbean and Pacific.

Yves-Thibault de Silguy (France): economic affairs; Mario Monti (Italy): internal market, financial service, customs and tax.

Karel van Miert (Belgium): competition; Martin Bangemann (Germany): industry, technology; Pádraig Flynn (Ireland): social affairs.

Marcelino Oreja (Spain): relations with European Parliament, culture and media; Edith Cresson (France): research and development, education.

Ritt Bjerregaard (Denmark): environment, nuclear safety; Monika Wulf-Mathies (Germany): regional policy; Neil Kinnock (UK): transport.

Emma Bonino (Italy): consumer affairs; Christos Papoustos (Greece): atomic energy, small and medium-sized companies, and tourism.

Thorvald Stoltenberg (Norway): fisheries; Anita Gradin (Sweden): interior and judicial affairs; Franz Fischler (Austria): agriculture.

Eerik Liikanen (Finland): budget, personnel and administration.



Sir Leon Brittan with Edith Cresson, the new French EU commissioner, in Luxembourg at the weekend

Brittan falls victim to pride and prejudice

By George Brock, European Editor

FOR almost six years, Sir Leon Brittan has played a difficult hand cleverly as Britain's senior European Commissioner in Brussels. Until last weekend, he had managed the apparently impossible: staying close to the Government in London while at the same time wielding clout in Brussels and avoiding the blame for British misbehaviour in Europe.

At the weekend, the agile Sir Leon fell off the high wire. But although he was carved up in the afternoon of the long knives in Luxembourg, his defeat is as much personal as political. If he chooses to stay in the new European Commission, which has denied him the job that he wanted, he can still remain a powerful player in the corridors of the European Union. British ministers have nothing to gain from Sir Leon resigning. They hope that he will stay put, lick his wounds and go back to work. But the ambition that led Sir Leon to overplay his hand in a showdown with his colleagues and Jacques Santer, the new President of the Commission, makes the defeat a bitter one. "He's hurting under the surface," one friend said yesterday. "Staying in the Commission involves swallowing a lot of gall."

Sir Leon's decision is most likely to come later this week. Since coming to Brussels, after resigning over the Westland affair in 1986, he has rarely lost the fights he has picked.

The messy mixture of farce and intrigue that attended the end of Sir Leon's duel with Hans van den Broek, his proud Dutch colleague, over who handles the EU's Eastern European policy only rubs salt in the wound. During the last 24 hours of negotiation, the amiable Mr Santer changed his mind several times and organised an inaugural meeting of his 20 commissioners that left a bad taste in more

mouths than just Sir Leon's. Last Friday morning, Mr Santer had decided to fix matters by giving the coveted prize of relations with Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union to Sir Leon. Mr Santer's chiefs of staff had held three meetings with Sir Leon that morning, and John Major had phoned Mr Santer to press Sir Leon's case. Mr van den Broek was invited to Luxembourg to receive the bad news. Mr van den Broek, in the words of one source, "went ballistic" and demanded that Mr Santer return to a promise made

Senningen, Castle, both Mr van den Broek and Sir Leon pitched their cases. The job is prized because, during the five-year life of the Santer Commission, much of the EU's internal and external energy will be devoted to bringing countries such as Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic towards membership of the Union, affecting every part of its decision-making apparatus and moulding its shape. "They both want the job because, quite simply, that's where the action is going to be," one

commentator, objected that a vote would be painfully divisive and that the decision was for Mr Santer himself. The battered President took several telephone calls from anxious governments, including one from Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary.

David Williamson, the Commission's British secretary-general, and Jim Cloos, Mr Santer's influential chief of staff, were asked to take a straw poll. Sir Leon won the backing of Neil Kinnock, the new British commissioner, Pádraig Flynn, the Irish commissioner, the Norwegian, the Finn and the Dane, as well as the senior Italian commissioner and the only Greek, among others. But both the German and Spanish, and probably both the French commissioners, among others, supported Mr van den Broek.

The result was the last thing Mr Santer wanted: a muddle that required his casting vote. He supported Mr van den Broek without giving his reasons. Sir Leon said that he would need time to consider his position.

Sir Leon lost his battle partly because he was greedy and, in part, because John Major's disruption of the selection of the Commission President at the Corfu summit in the summer left scores to be settled. Bonn seems likely to have urged Mr Santer to meet Dutch requests. Germany and The Netherlands quarrelled at Corfu, and Bonn has since been trying to make peace.

"I think it's fair to say that Leon lost because of questions of personality, over the impression that he had been too greedy and also because of some anti-Britishness. Lastly, the Germans did want to mend their fences with the Dutch," said one official close to the fraught talks.



Bonino: was unhappy with her initial post



Bangemann: wanted Santer to decide issue

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Pinheiro: responsible for links with Africa

Judicial revolution strips gilt from French elite

From Charles Bremner
IN PARIS

WHEN it comes to status, you cannot do much better than a portfolio in the French Cabinet. Ministers inhabit a cocoon of gilded salons, motorcades and executive jets. Imagine, then, the shock for the ministerial classes when, as has just happened, one of their number is put in jail.

The minds of the political classes have been concentrated by the order of a young Lyons magistrate to detain Alain Carignon, the Gaullist Mayor of Grenoble, who was, until last July, Communications Minister in the gov-

ernment of Edouard Balladur. His detention, on suspicion of taking millions of francs in bribes from public works companies, is the most startling episode in what amounts to a revolution in French public life. A clutch of zealous young *juges d'instruction* seem on the verge of snaring some of the mightiest of the Gaullist and centre-right parties and captains of industry, leaking lurid details of Swiss accounts, suitcases full of cash, and gifts of St Tropez villas.

Four more ministers are tipped for imminent tumbrels after the exit this month of Gérard Longuet, the Industry Ministry, who is being investigated

for corruption by the redoubtable Judge Renaud Van Ruymbeke of Rennes. Clouds are also gathering over the Paris town hall, fief of Jacques Chirac, the Gaullist leader, and, with the judges scenting blood, President Mitterrand's own entourage may not be above investigation. While some politicians are lamenting the damage to France's image, the financial world is reacting by pulling funds out of the country, probably until next spring's presidential election.

The sleaze tide began rising in the easy-money climate of the 1980s. As campaign costs exploded, businesses were only too happy to shovel money

into bogus consultancy firms which syphoned cash to the political parties. The temptation for crooked dealing was enhanced by the decentralisation carried out by the Mitterrand administration. This gave mayors, who are often also national politicians, new powers to award big municipal contracts.

The plague of *affaires* is far from over. M. Balladur expects worse to come as revelations multiply around the governing parties. The main beneficiary could be Jacques Delors, the Socialist expected to stand against M. Balladur for the presidency, who is seen as a paragon of integrity.



Workers on the Kolva river removing oil from the Usinsk pipeline spill yesterday. A team of American experts is expected soon in the area to help with the clean-up, but a Russian commission says the spill is 20 times smaller than claimed and is not an ecological catastrophe

Israel to lift travel ban on Palestinian workers

By BEN LYNFIELD

ISRAELI leaders, buoyed by the convening of a Middle East economic summit meeting, sought yesterday to repair strained relations with the Palestinians. Yitzhak Rabin, the Prime Minister, promised Yasser Arafat, head of the Palestinian Authority and the Palestine Liberation Organisation, that tomorrow Israel would begin to lift a ban on travel from the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

Mr Rabin gave his pledge after meeting Mr Arafat on the eve of a conference in Casablanca aimed at forging regional economic co-operation. The Prime Minister added the measure might be reimposed if there were further attacks against Israelis.

The Casablanca summit, being held only four days after the signing of a peace treaty with Jordan, provided Israelis with further optimistic images of peace after decades of isolation from their Arab neighbours. Ten Israeli Cabinet ministers were in Morocco and newspapers carried pictures of them being welcomed by local people. "The Casablanca meeting, above all else,

puts the name of Israel on the Middle East map," wrote Seret Segor, a columnist in the *Yedioth Aharnot* newspaper. It was the first meeting between Mr Rabin and Mr Arafat since violence by the Islamic Resistance Movement, Hamas, and the signing of the treaty between Jordan and Israel further strained Palestinian-Israeli ties.

Mr Arafat has been particularly irked by the prospect of co-operation between Syria and the Jewish state against his organisation's claims in Arab east Jerusalem, which is seen by him as the capital of a future Palestinian state. Mr

Rabin said Israel would transfer authority in the West Bank for welfare, tourism, taxation, and health to Palestinians as soon as donor nations and the self-rule authority could reach agreement on transfer of funding.

Mr Rabin barred Palestinian migrant labourers from entering Israel after a Hamas suicide bomber killed 22 people in Tel Aviv on October 19. Palestinian leaders say that the measure has caused considerable hardship for the workers in the territories and their families. "The closure should be removed totally and immediately because this is a

collective punishment against the whole nation and tens of thousands of workers," said Yasser Abed-Rabbo, the Information Minister of the Palestinian Authority. Mr Arafat and Mr Rabin made enough headway to plan a follow-up meeting next Monday at the Erez crossing point into the Strip.

In another development, Israel welcomed a statement by President Hrawi of Lebanon that all attacks on Israeli troops would stop if the Jewish state promised to withdraw its forces from southern Lebanon within six months. However, Uri Dromi, the Israeli government spokesman, said that Syria would also have to be involved in the arrangement.

Muslim guerrillas launched attacks against Israeli troops and their allies yesterday, wounding two militiamen from the South Lebanon Army. On Saturday, pro-Iranian Hezbollah fighters killed an Israeli soldier and wounded two others on the edge of Israel's self-declared security zone in southern Lebanon.

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WORLD SUMMARY

Rwanda blocks tribunal

New York: Plans to establish an international tribunal to try crimes against humanity in Rwanda are in danger of collapse after objections from the new Rwandan government (James Bone writes).

A vote by the United Nations Security Council was cancelled on Friday after the new government presented last-minute objections. Diplomats say that the Security Council is reluctant to impose a tribunal without the government's consent, particularly since Rwanda is now a member of the 15-nation council. The government had, until now, insisted that it wanted an international court to try those who are responsible for a campaign in which up to a million Rwandans died.

Woman pilot wins \$1.7m

Los Angeles: More than three years after a US navy convention here degenerated into a drunken orgy, a woman helicopter pilot has been awarded \$1.7 million (£1.3 million) in damages against the Hilton Hotel chain for failing to protect her from the sexual advances of scores of drunken male aviators (Giles Whitnell writes). Paula Coughlin, 32, was one of more than 80 women molested at the three-day Tailhook Convention.

King lawyers' shock claim

New York: Lawyers who defended Rodney King and won him \$3.8 million (£2.3 million) in damages for the beating by police officers, recorded on videotape, that sparked the Los Angeles riots have shocked the city by asking for \$4.4 million for themselves (James Bone writes). This was for such services as appearing on television talkshows, accompanying their client to a film premiere, and attending his birthday party.

New cardinals bolster Pope's crusade

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME



Maritini: front-runner to succeed the pontiff

THE Pope yesterday named 30 new cardinals, ensuring that his successor will be like himself: a moral conservative who is dedicated to social justice.

The new princes of the Catholic Church, from 24 countries, "reflect the universality of the Church", the Pope said in his weekly address to the faithful in St Peter's Square. Still recovering from a broken leg, he spoke from a window of his private flat overlooking the square.

The crowd of thousands applauded when the Pope, 74, announced that among the clergy elevated was Vinko Puljic, the Archbishop of Sarajevo, who becomes the first cardinal in Bosnia, Albania, Belarusia and Cuba also got their first cardinals. The new Albanian cardinal spent 43 years in jail or forced labour under the Stalinist regime of Enver Hoxha. Among those named yesterday was also Archbishop Thomas Winning of Glasgow.

In his 16-year papacy, the Polish Pope has appointed 103 members of the 120-strong College of Cardinals who would be eligible to choose his successor, thus stacking the odds that his successor will be a man in his own image who will not tamper with the fundamentals of his papacy, including a strong reaffirmation of bans on contraceptives and women priests.

Vatican-watchers agree that Cardinal Carlo Maria Martini, 67, the Jesuit Archbishop of Milan, would be the front-runner if a conclave were held immediately. The most progressive of the candidates, he supports "healthy pluralism" within the Church.

But commentators concede that conservative cardinals, especially supporters of the right-wing Opus Dei, might oppose Archbishop Martini because "he is too open, too ecumenical, too open to Jews".

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Rifkind discusses Bosnia with US

By MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR AND JOEL BRAND IN SARAJEVO

MALCOLM Rifkind, the Defence Secretary, today begins talks in Washington with William Perry, his US opposite number, on the worsening situation in Bosnia and on ways to co-ordinate better decision-making by Nato and the United Nations in former Yugoslavia.

Mr Rifkind will also seek to reassure the Americans that the remarks last week by Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, on creating "effective institutions" along the road to a common European defence do not signal any weakening of Britain's commitment to Nato or any attempt to sign up by stealth to a European army.

Bosnia will be the main focus of the two days of talks, after Mr Rifkind's meeting on arrival yesterday with Willy Claes, the new Nato Secretary-General. Britain and America are pressing for a clearer mandate for Nato in deciding what Bosnian Serb targets should be hit in any future airstrikes. Until now Nato aircraft have been allowed to

attack only relatively minor targets, but under new rules agreed last week with the UN commanders will be able to select up to four targets of real military value.

The Nato agreement with the UN on Friday has drawn a sharp response from Moscow. Russia said it would withdraw its peacekeeping troops from former Yugoslavia if Nato gained final control on the use of force. Andrei Kozyrev, the Russian Foreign Minister, was quoted as saying, "Mr Kozyrev also sharply criticised Bosnian government forces yesterday for launching offensives against Serb positions near Sarajevo, saying that they were blatantly stepping up the conflict."

On Saturday the Bosnian army used a UN-patrolled demilitarised zone, southwest of Sarajevo, to mask a large-scale infantry assault on Serb positions. Between 600 and 1,000 Bosnian troops, backed by heavy artillery fire, pushed the Serbs back one or two miles along a frontline several miles wide.

Pretoria leaders take salary cut

FROM RAY KENNEDY IN JOHANNESBURG



Mbeki: proposals for a culture of thrift

PRESIDENT Mandela and his two Deputy Presidents are to take a 20 per cent salary cut in a radical restructuring of South African government finances.

A six-point plan intended to establish a culture of thrift, approved by the Cabinet last week, was announced by Thabo Mbeki, the first Deputy President, on Saturday. It will include cutting the huge bureaucratic establishment by 200,000, and privatising state assets and parastatals to fund debt repayment, reconstruction and development.

The ANC yesterday called on the private sector to follow the government's example and cut executive salaries.

Mr Mandela's salary will come down from 575,000 rands (£100,500) to 460,000 rands before tax, while the pay of Mr Mbeki and F.W. de Klerk, the second Deputy President, will fall from 500,000 rands to 400,000. Before last April's

election, Mr de Klerk received as President a tax-free salary, excluding allowances, of 272,334 rands. The pay of Cabinet ministers and the Premiers of South Africa's nine new regions will be cut by 10 per cent to 352,000 rands. Deputy ministers' salaries will be trimmed by 7.5 per cent and those of other functionaries in national and regional government by 5 per cent. MPs and other political office bearers are also to be asked to accept reductions.

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The renamed Gielgud Theatre opens its doors with Sir Peter Hall's new production of *Hamlet*.
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English National Opera's staging of Strauss's *Ariadne* showcases the vocal glory of Jane Eaglen.
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REVIEW: Monday



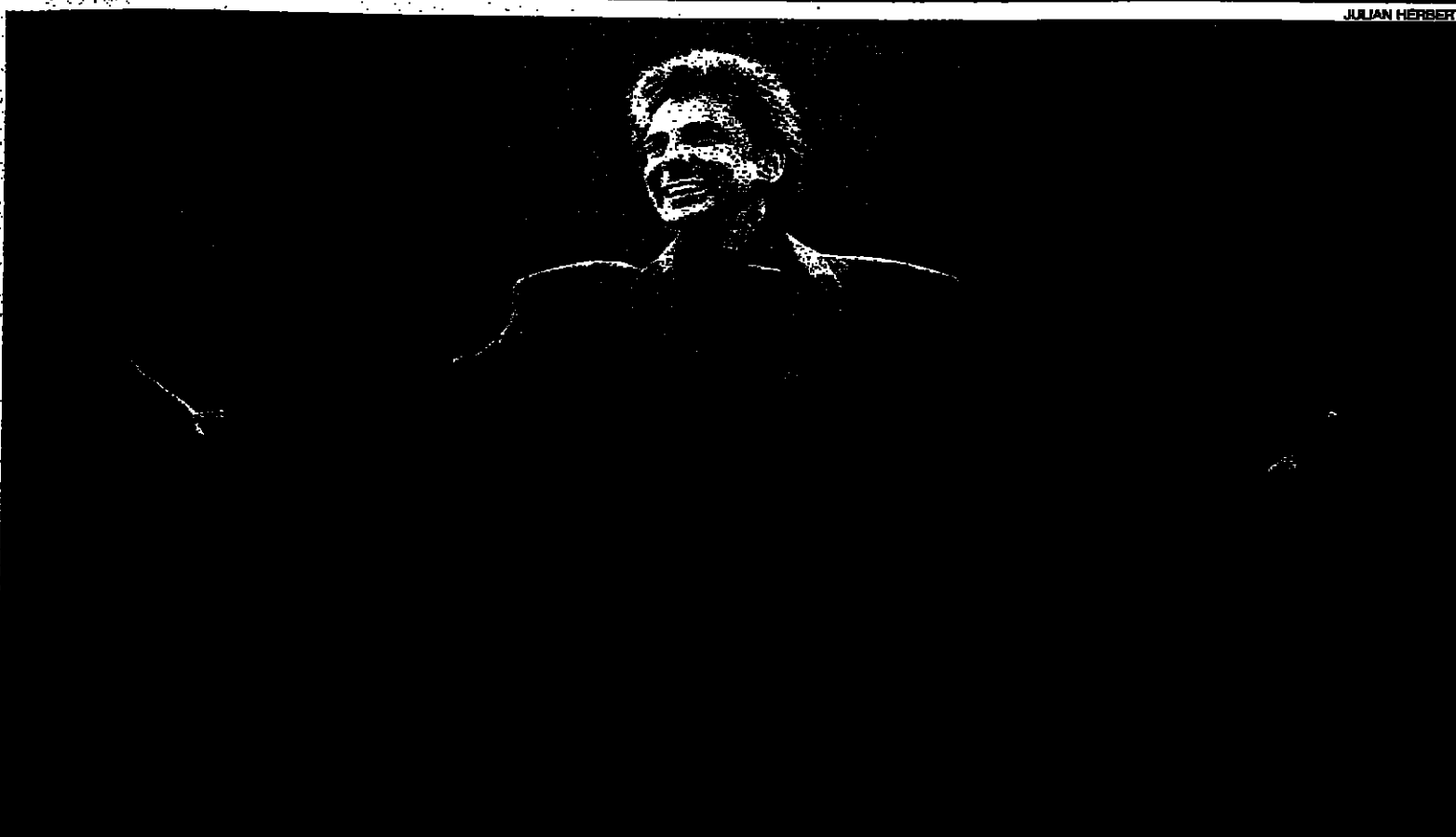
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Ice-cool from Milan: Maurizio Pollini treats the Festival Hall to his unique vision of Beethoven.
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REVIEW: Monday

BOOKS

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Barry Manilow adores his audience as they adore him at Bournemouth. "I just thank goodness that I've had the opportunity to mature"

Bournemouth was quivering with expectation last week. All over town, female locks were being teased, backcombed and lacquered. Favourite outfits were being pressed in readiness for the big occasion, make-up applied with more than the usual care. And, caught up in this groundswell of anticipation, I too shone my shoes and put on a suit. Because being across the footlights from Barry Manilow does not constitute just a gig, or a concert or even a gala night out.

For his fans, the very fact that he was in the International Centre at all meant it was Christmas, New Year's Eve and everyone's birthday rolled into one. "Once in love with Barry," read the machine-knit letters across one lady's ample bosom. Even the fashion police would have been disarmed by her look of utter devotion.

After the experience of attending an Albert Hall performance during his last British tour, I had a clearer idea of what inspires this Manilow. I had entered its portals a sceptic. It is true, but the scales soon fell from my eyes, and when I left a little more than two hours later, it was in the knowledge that I had just witnessed one of the great popular entertainers of the age. More than that, I could not but acknowledge that he was also as fine an interpreter of the song as I had heard within the mainstream, someone who phrased like a jazz veteran and with an ability to invest even the most over-familiar of his old ballads with a sense of dignity.

"And I can't tell you how much it meant that you heard that in me," says Manilow.

Once in love, always in love

Alan Jackson confesses to being won over by Barry Manilow's earnest brand of showmanship

When we meet before the Bournemouth performance in the library of his hotel, I can be sure that he is not just saying that, because after my review appeared he went to the trouble of leaving a message of appreciation on my answering machine. As, quite possibly, he might have done in the case of the author of a lengthy and respectfully-worded profile which appeared, surprisingly, in a recent issue of America's *Rolling Stone*. As typical behaviour for a star of his magnitude, certainly. But then revisionist texts may be all the more welcome when you have been weighed down by an albatross of a media image for more than 20 years.

"In truth, I had plenty to do with the creation of that cartoon character," Manilow admits sportingly. "For a long while I was anything for a laugh. I didn't know my way around, and when I look back at old footage, I can see that I spent a lot of time on stage just being silly. But so did most of my generation. I mean, Rod Stewart was idiotic — he looked sillier even than I did. And at least I didn't wear a duck's-head hat like Elton. I just thank goodness that I've had the opportunity to mature."

If people now realise there's more substance to me than that very nice — and yes, I wish they'd looked a little deeper before. But what else could I expect?

In the years since he abandoned the purely pop market, other male vocalists have claimed the medium of the power ballad as their own — most recently, Michael Bolton. Manilow has no regrets about having forsaken his former constituency, though. "I wouldn't know how to make an album of ten pop songs anymore, just as I no longer know where to begin writing stuff that's going to end up all over the radio."

Instead — and in line with the marketing men's dictum that the more mature pop performer is best served commercially by conceptual releases — he has followed his own interests. For example, *2AM, Paradise Cafe* (1984) found him exploring jazz with Mel Tormé and Sarah Vaughan, while *Showstoppers* (1991) was his equivalent of one of Streisand's Broadway albums. And now comes *Singin' With The Big Bands*.

The project was first suggested to him ten years ago by Clive Davis, founder of the record label Arista. "But I held out against it, because it conjured up in me this image of singing old, old songs in some Holiday Inn lounge. Anyway, why would I want to rework material that is already so famous, so perfectly executed? Then, eventually, I came round to the idea that maybe I wouldn't need to rework them at all. Instead I could get the original bands and the original arrangements and cast myself as the boy vocalist and it all."

Consequently, the album finds him singing with the current personnel of orchestras founded by Glenn Miller, Harry James, Jimmy Dorsey, Duke Ellington and others, using the original charts to such standards of the 1940s as "Sentimental Journey", "In Apple Blossom Time" and "Moonlight Serenade".

Its release comes at a time of renewed acclaim for Manilow. Teen idols Take That recently took a dance version of his debut single, "Could It Be Magic", to No 1 (he shows his appreciation with a similarly frenetic rendition during the set of his current tour); the musical he built around his

1978 hit "Copacabana" is currently booking through to April at London's Prince of Wales Theatre, and following the success of his work on Don Bluth's animated *Thumbelina*, MGM has commissioned a second such film score from him. But he maintains he must thank good fortune as well as his own talent. "A lot of artists who started out at the same time as me are no longer around — Toni Tennille, Peter Frampton, John Denver. I'm so lucky to have been backed consistently by people who believe in me and my music."

At 48, Manilow says he has put mid-life crises behind him and knows now that the most important person to please is himself. "I've lost that need for constant approval and it's the most liberating thing. I feel grounded, solid, better than I've ever felt before." Shortly after saying so, he stepped out before his first-night Bournemouth audience and, for two and a quarter hours, gave his all. Gail, a trainee primary school teacher from Poole, was the lucky one plucked out of the stalls to duet on "Can't Smile Without You", but jealousy was kept to an acceptable level and everyone else shared in her excitement.

Yes, there were a lot of middle-aged women there, bashful spouses an optional extra, but also young gay couples, fashionable twenty-somethings, the occasional teenager. They all had a great time. And hand on heart, I had a great time too.

● Singin' With The Big Bands is available on Arista Records. Barry Manilow appears at Glasgow SECC on Thursday, at Birmingham NEC on Saturday and Sunday, at Sheffield Arena on Nov 5, and at London's Wembley Arena on Nov 10, 11 and 12

BEAUTIFUL THING Jonathan Harvey's award-winning and touching play about teenage love, gay and straight, on a London council estate. Duffa of York, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-455 5122). Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri and Sat, 6pm and 8.30pm. £5

THE EDITING PROCESS Stephen Duddy directs Mercedes Oake's comedy about the fight for survival in an easy-going pub-house taken over by a conglomerate. Royal Court, St John's Square, SW1 (071-730 1745). Now previewing, 7.30pm; opens Nov 2, 7pm

EVERYBODY'S SHAKESPEARE John Barton leads a "Shakespeare's Language" workshop with associate artists and members of the RSC. As part of the festival. Pils. Barrow Green, Silk Street, EC2 (071-438 8891). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm. Fri and Sat, 8pm. £5

GAUCHO Inevitable conflict between sex, drugs, dealer and homicide. Tones holidaying in Greece. Doug Luce's disconcerting latest. Hampstead, Swiss Cottage Centre, NW3 (071-722 2901). Mon-Sat, 8pm; Fri and Sat, 9pm. £5

MOLLY SWEENEY Brian Friel directs his own play. Catherine Byrne, Mark Lintgen and T. P. McKenna play band women, husband and surgeon in a superbly moving drama about the recovery of sight. Alameda, Alameda Street, N1 (071-359 4404). Now previewing, 8pm; opens Wed, 7pm. £5

MOSCOW STATIONS Tom Courtenay's one-man performance as an acrobatic but on the Moscow Underground. You probably won't see

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Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre's showing in London

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lines, more touching acting the year. Garfield, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-494 5088). Mon-Sat, 8pm.
ONCE ON THESE ISLANDS: Scarcely executed production of the hit Broadway musical, transferred from Birmingham Rep. Shows and Caribbean folk-tale proves to be a successful marriage. Tivoli, Strand, WC2 (071-494 5088). Mon-Sat, 8pm; Fri and Sat, 8.45pm; mat, Wed, 3pm. £5

THE SISTERS ROSENBERG: Gwyneth Thomas's production of Wendy Wasserstein's two cosy women in a comedy. Three sisters (Audrey Lister, Janet Suzman and Linda Bellingham) meet happiness. Old Vic, Waterloo Rd, SE1 (071-428 7618). Mon-Fri, 7.45pm; Sat, 8pm; mat, Wed, 2.30pm and Sat, 4pm

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THEATRE: Benedict Nightingale on Brad Fraser's reworking of a gruesome 17th-century tale

Not for the faint of heart

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BRAD Fraser has turned to the early 17th century for a play to transpire to the American present, and, no, his bloodshot eye has not lighted on *Twelfth Night* or *As You Like It*. For the author of *Poor Super Man* and *Unidentified Human Remains* and the *True Nature of Love*, even a wild-western *Lear*, complete with 100 lawless cowboys and John Wayne as Kent, would be a bit sentimental. But in Middleton's *Changeling* there is not a character who would be out of place in Fraser's harsh, dangerous world. Why, the play even has a serial killer for a protagonist.

This is the hideously ill-favoured Deflores, who becomes the beautiful Beatrice's private assassin and, in time, her lover. Middleton's twist is that she begins by being repelled by him and ends up his infatuated creature. Martin Malone's Forest, a silent hunk with a neo-Plastic face, becomes a ranch-hand somewhere in Arizona, and, following Deflores,

gains a hold over Stephanie Prince's cutely virginal Veronica by murdering her boring fiancé. Fraser's twist is that this steel magnolia acquires a taste for kinky sex from her "ugly man", but is never emotionally engaged by him.

In other words, Fraser adds some contemporary cynicism to *The Changeling*, while not making it noticeably less gruesome. It is not to be recommended to those with a special aversion to neck-snapping, throat-cutting or the sound of a corpse being sawn up onstage. Nor has Fraser ducked Middleton's more court challenges. Among these is a portion to test who is and is not *virgo intacta*, here erroneously swallowed by Louise Plowright's gibbering lady-of-the-house and the ghost of the sawn-up fiancé.

Imagine a blend of *The Changeling* and David Beaird's exercise in Southern Grand Guignol, *900 Onoona*, and you have some of the evening's quality. But Fenton Gray and Michael D'Cruze, the directors, have opted for a more informal, rough-theatre feel, setting the play in a patchy old barn, and Fraser's dialogue tends to be downbeat, too. The thing moves in cut, brusque jumps, like a film, and, to emphasise the parallel, soupy mood-music often intrudes.

This is minor Fraser: funny, louche, intellectually not so meaty. Or is there some significance in his main addition to the Middleton files, a timid, lisping gay with a cleft palate who is seduced and rejected by the bisexual Forest, and takes blood-curdling revenge on all around? Perhaps the idea is that you categorise others as "ugly men" at your peril. After seeing Martin McDougall's Les with axe raised over his tormentor's legs, I am not going to quarrel with that.



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The growing problem of the obsessive... how drug taking can be traced in a single hair... is a ceramic liver on the way?



THE tragic case of Catherine Ayling, stalked and killed by an American, who had become obsessed with her, is unusual only because it ended in murder. A man she had met on an exchange visit to the US in 1989, Curtis Howard, followed her back to Britain and stabbed her to death. Last week he was sentenced to life imprisonment, after psychiatric reports had shown no signs of mental illness.

Stalking appears to be a growing problem, to judge simply by the number of cases reported in newspapers. Often the victim is a prominent person: tennis champion Steffi Graf, actress Jodi Foster, and Prince Andrew are among those who have been targeted.

Over the years, the syndrome has been given many names: erotic paranoia, de Clérambault's syndrome, delusional loving, old maid's insanity, erotomania. The condition can affect both sexes and it pops up in every culture. It appears to be part of mankind's condition.

In the mind of a stalker

In the November issue of the *British Journal of Psychiatry*, two Australian psychiatrists, Paul Mullen and Michelle Pathé, review 16 cases and try to draw some conclusions. In many instances, they say, the stalker suffers a morbid infatuation but has no illusions that the affection is returned — an example is John Hinckley Jr, the man who shot President Reagan in order to persuade Jodi Foster to take some notice of him.

In other cases, non-existent clues are seized upon as evidence



SCIENCE BRIEFING

Nigel Hawkes

that the loved one does reciprocate. One of their patients saw love expressed in the way the subject of his obsession patted her handbag while sitting on a bus. Another was convinced that a man loved her by the way he had complained about the traffic he had met on the way to work.

Most cases examined by the two Australians combine both morbid infatuation and the morbid conviction of being loved, with individual cases having more of one and less of the other. Most of the obsessives are

shy people with low self-esteem, poor relationships with their fathers, and live lives which appeared to them to be bleak, unrewarding and bereft of intimacy.

Some of the stalkers had identifiable psychiatric disorders, including schizophrenia, but others appeared sane. The victims included a senior executive who was pursued for four years before being assaulted, and a singer who was seen performing and was stalked for a year, finally being attacked and killed.

Of the 16 cases, half ended with an assault of some sort, though this is not typical. These were cases that had come to court, so were not a representative sample. Most stalkers cause immense fear and distress, sometimes enough to persuade their victims to emigrate, but do not physically injure them.

Treatment can succeed, though it is no good telling the obsessive to snap out of it. Anti-psychotic drugs coupled with psychotherapy worked in a number of the Australian cases, though those with intractable schizophrenic disorders kept their delusions intact.

Head start



DRUG addicts on rehabilitation programmes in Wales are being asked to provide a sample of hair to check what they have been taking. The hair acts like a tape recorder, the chemical composition along its length varying in response to whatever was in the bloodstream at the time it grew. Any chemicals in the blood are deposited in minute quantities at the point of growth.

Now Tricho-Tech, a research firm part-owned by three academics at the University Hospital of Wales, has developed an analytical method that can detect the small variations. The average hair grows for three years, so the method has potential for tracing an addict's career in some detail.

Many addicts are prescribed methadone to wean them off heroin, but may either sell the drug or boost it with illegal narcotics. The conventional meth-

ods of analysis are blood and urine tests, which give a few days' history, compared with three years for hair samples.

Tricho-Tech is now about to extend the method to other drugs including cocaine, amphetamines, and ecstasy. The same technique could be used by defendants seeking to prove that they had not been taking illegal drugs.

Another application might be in confirming that people taking part in trials of new drugs really are taking the pills.

New life



AN American scientist has produced a new life-form: half yeast, half ceramic.

Though no rival to Frankenstein's monster, this new class of "living material" could have many applications in pollution control, medicine and drug production.

Dr Edward Pope, of Match, in Westlake Village, California, recently showed a meeting of the American Ceramic Society a porous, transparent ceramic in which cells of the yeast *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* had been kept alive for nine months.

The matrix consists of a silica gel which sets solid when decanted into a test tube, but leaves enough pores in its structure to provide space for the yeast.

Dr Pope sees his material as the first in a whole new class in which a wide variety of microbes and tissues could be encapsulated in ceramics. Bugs that convert pollutants into safe materials, or genetically engineered bacteria to produce drugs, might be possibilities.

Even more futuristic is the idea of incorporating human cells, creating artificial organs that could be transplanted into patients without provoking an immune response.

One example might be an artificial pancreas for diabetics, created with the ceramic technology. Livers and thyroid glands might also be mimicked in the same way, and used to treat people with liver or thyroid failure.

Tailing the whale

A five-year project aimed at discovering whether one of the last communities of southern humpback whales is destined for extinction or survival has just begun in the South Pacific.

The research, led by a British conservationist, Mike Donoghue, is being conducted close to Vava'u Island in the Northern Tongan group.

The warm waters around Tonga are one of the main breeding grounds of the southern humpback whale. One hundred years ago, thousands of these whales made the long journey to Tonga from their summer feeding grounds in Antarctic waters. But commercial whaling this century in the South Pacific, mainly by Western nations, decimated the stock. The Worldwide Fund for Nature estimates that there are about 4,000 remaining. But fewer than half those are southern humpbacks, genetically slightly different from their northern humpback cousins, who use Arctic waters for summer feeding.

In the past month the Tongan project, which is staffed mainly by volunteers from Australia and New Zealand,

Jo Andrews on the British-led research project helping humpback whales in the South Pacific

has counted only about a third of the humpbacks they would have expected, and this is the peak breeding season. The count included just one newborn calf.

As well as estimating the size of the community, the researchers are also trying to identify individually each whale from photographs of their huge flukes, or tails. Each tail has a distinctive pattern of black and white, so taking a photograph of the flukes similar to fingerprinting a human.

Mr Donoghue, who is a member of New Zealand's Department of Conservation, says: "The general feeling at the moment is that most whales have what is called site fidelity. They come back year after year to the same breeding ground. But with a complex stock of photographs, we can compare our shots with ones already held in the other breeding grounds of Australia and South America and see if

there are any matches."

With so few whales left, there is a serious danger that their gene pool may now be so restricted that the southern humpback may not be able to grow in numbers or, even worse, may not be able to survive at all.

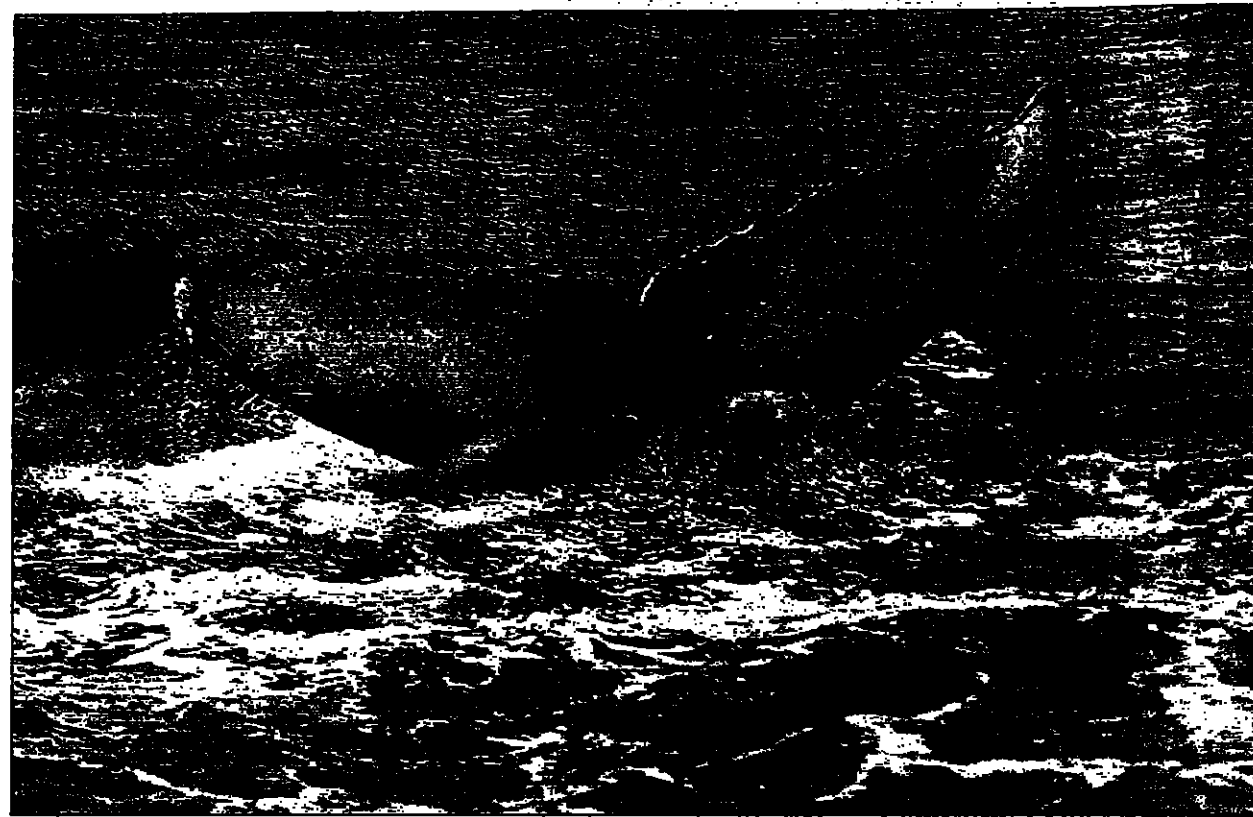
To try to find out what the chances are, the researchers are taking DNA samples from as many of the Tongan whales as possible. Once analysed in laboratories in New Zealand, these will tell the project how closely related the remaining Tongan whales are, and allow the researchers to estimate their likely survival chances.

Obviously, if even some whales vary their breeding grounds, their chances of increasing the gene pool are far higher. At present though, Mr Donoghue is pessimistic: "Because the Tongan whale population appears to be so small, I expect that what we will find is that most of these whales are very closely relat-

ed, and then you will have the same sort of problems with inbreeding in whales that you can have with humans. If you have very little genetic diversity, the likelihood of the whales being able to breed successfully is reduced, because there will be far more genetic problems displayed, such as deformity."

That is the theory, but in practice actually getting the DNA samples is extremely hard. The project is using a modified crossbow, if fired accurately at a whale from a distance of about ten feet, it is supposed to take a tiny slice of skin and blubber. Humpbacks can be anything up to 50 feet long and weigh 50 tons, but hitting them at close range from a bobbing boat as they surface briefly and at some speed is hugely complicated. As a result, if cetacean hearing is all it is cracked up to be, the Tongan whales will have heard a goodly number of interesting explosives from the *Homo sapiens* they have encountered in the past six weeks.

There is one message, though, that the project is anxious for the Tongans themselves to take on board as soon



The print of whales: humpback whale flukes can identify individuals as precisely as fingerprints can identify humans

as possible: that if the whales go on being protected here, then Tonga could become a whale-watching destination for tourists.

The Tongans used to kill small numbers of whales from tiny open canoes until 1979,

when it was stopped by royal decree. Some Tongans oppose the ban, and backed by Japanese interest groups want to re-open the issue.

The Japanese, passionate advocates of hunting and eating whales, have recently been

shut out of the Antarctic whaling grounds by the creation of the Southern Ocean Whaling Sanctuary. Tonga lies outside that area, and persuading this tiny country to start whaling again would be a considerable coup for Japan.

For the moment the whales remain under royal protection in Tonga. The king has set his face firmly against lifting the ban, saying he would far rather Tonga became the Pacific's best location for whale-watchers.

Blood feud in the High Court

A legal battle is raging over the 'ownership' of the hepatitis C virus

A battle over whether anybody can "own" a virus will next month get a hearing in the High Court. Squaring up are two biotechnology companies which have already gone several rounds in courts both in Britain and abroad. So far Chiron, the California-based company which successfully patented part of the hepatitis-C virus, is well ahead on points.

But its opponent, Murex, claims that the patent is so wide that it amounts to an abuse of the system. Allowing Chiron control over diagnostic tests for hepatitis C and over potential vaccines to treat the disease will discourage further research, Murex claims.

The Chiron test is used by the NHS to ensure that blood products are free of hepatitis C, a virus that causes chronic liver disease. In a proportion of patients, fatal cirrhosis of the liver may follow, usually about 20 years after infection.

Peter Silveston, of Murex, argues that Britain is already paying a high price for granting such a broad patent to Chiron. The NHS carries out about 3.5 million hepatitis C tests a year, costing £2 each. Tests marketed by other companies against hepatitis B cost only 30p a time, and against the Aids virus, HIV, just 70p.

Chiron's stranglehold on hepatitis C dates from 1987, when its scientists were the first to identify part of the hepatitis C virus. What they produced was a sequence of 890 amino acids that make up about a third of the entire virus in the strain they were studying.

They then applied for patents to cover this sequence and any other that matched it by 40 per cent. This is a very broad claim, Murex argues, which leaves Chiron in effective control of every strain of the hepatitis C virus. In an extreme case, there might be only a 13 per cent match

between a particular strain and the sequence patented by Chiron, but the patent would still be valid.

Mr Silveston questions whether the patent should ever have been granted. "For a start, was it really an invention? This is a naturally occurring life form, so there is an argument that it shouldn't even be patentable."

Chiron has defended its patent vigorously. Murex has already lost twice in the High Court, which upheld the patent in October last year, but refused to enforce it because Chiron had signed a deal with a licensee, Ortho Diagnostics, which contained invalid provisions. This left Murex able to continue marketing its own tests. In a second action, Chiron's patent was again found to be valid and infringed by Murex.

Murex has now appealed over the upholding of the patent, and in the High Court on November 7 it will argue that Chiron should not be granted an injunction against it at least until the Court of Appeal has ruled, on the grounds that it would be against the public interest.

Dr Stephen Locarnini, of Melbourne Fairfield Hospital, claims that the Chiron test was "incredibly expensive" when first introduced, and that only the intervention of Murex had brought down the price.

He believes that the present tests need improvement, but doubts that anybody will now put money into the field, as they would face the inevitable prospect of paying fees to Chiron.

Chiron has denied that it owns the hepatitis C virus, or that its patent prevents others from continuing research. "Without the reward offered by the patent system, it is doubtful whether companies such as Chiron would make the substantial investments needed to solve biotechnology problems," says Larry Kurtz, vice-president of Chiron. He

estimates that since the introduction of the tests, more than a million cases of hepatitis C in blood recipients have been prevented around the world.

Chiron's position is strong because it is not a matter of choice whether blood is tested: by law it must be.

"We could simply roll over

and accept it," says Dave Tholen, president and chief executive of International Murex Technology Corporation, "but if any company is allowed to get away with this, the effects on healthcare costs could be scary."

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John Grigg reviews the controversial Dimbleby biography

Charles, the Prince of Paradox

Is the Prince of Wales simply an arrogant, self-pitying bore with a taste for self-dramatisation or a sensitive monarch-in-waiting with a deep sense of his historic destiny and personal honour?

In authorising Jonathan Dimbleby's book about him — which I have just been reading — the Prince of Wales clearly had two ends in view. He wanted us to be made more aware of and to take more seriously his record of public service, and he wanted us to be given a more sympathetic view of him as a human being, more especially in the calamity of his marriage. Which of these two mattered more to him we can only guess, but if he had any doubt which would receive more attention from the media his lack of street-wisdom is indeed extraordinary. For Dimbleby the book is an amazing scoop. In the summer of 1992 he initiated a series of conversations with the Prince, since (he tells us) it seemed to him that "a full and, if possible, authoritative portrait should appear to coincide with the 25th anniversary of the Prince's investiture. Though at first sceptical, the Prince agreed to co-operate, but even then Dimbleby had no expectation he would offer... the unprecedented and entirely untapped sources" on which the book is based.

As well as being allowed to read the Prince's diaries and "many thousands of the letters which he has written assiduously since childhood", and to quote from them extensively, he has interviewed "at the Prince's 'behest' a number of friends and 'some relatives' who have 'talked about him openly at length'". The interviewees, ranging from (surprisingly) his father and grandmother to (intriguingly) Mr Oliver Hoare, their tape-recorded outpourings run to "several hundred hours". A few among those who have talked have preferred not to be named, but I understand that this small anonymous category does not include the Queen.

Dimbleby has sat in on the Prince's meetings — even with heads of state or ministers — has stayed with him at Alghrove, Sandringham and Balmoral, and has talked to him "alone for hours at a time". The results of this almost symbiotic relationship between the representative of a media dynasty and the heir to the world's most prestigious secular throne (the British monarchy being comparable only with the Papacy in worldwide significance), have been a television documentary shown in ITV last June, three long extracts from the book published in *The Sunday*

Times, and now the book itself. Whatever may be thought of the wisdom of authorising such a book, the choice of Dimbleby to write it was certainly courageous. He is a journalist with a name and reputation to defend, and his reputation is distinctly anti-establishment. A work of cosy hagiography was not to be expected of him, and his insistence that the "final decision" on all matters of interpretation must be his was fair warning that the contents might not be entirely congenial to the Prince. He agreed only to correct "factual inaccuracies". So, as he says, the Prince took "a gamble of trust".

Will it pay off from his own point of view, as the TV documentary undoubtedly did? The evidence of reactions to the pre-publication of the book suggests that the Prince may have damaged himself, as well as others, by departing from his original reticence. But it is too early to predict the eventual verdict of public opinion.

Meanwhile, Dimbleby deserves to be read as a whole. The figure of the Prince that emerges is partly attractive, partly the reverse, and the author emphasises his paradoxical character. If the book ends with a very tentative suggestion that he may come to be regarded as "an individual of singular distinction and virtue", much of the text is less flattering.

Full justice is done to his initiatives to "help young people and to promote partnership in industry". But this side of his life, though worthy, is inevitably rather boring. After he has hit upon a good idea, its implementation on the ground has been left to others, while his own involvement has consisted mainly of fund-raising and committee meetings. Significantly, only two out of more than 70 illustrations in the book relate to his community work. If, earlier in his life, he had used his own money to start a profit-sharing enterprise somewhere — perhaps in Australia or India — and had worked in it himself, he would have captured the popular imagination in a way that his trusts have failed to do, for all the good they have achieved (described in an appendix). He would also have given his life the shape and focus which, apparently, he often feels it lacks.



The Prince of Wales with his sons Prince William and Prince Harry: he has not given them a stable childhood — but the blame does not lie exclusively with him

For what has been defective in his performance as an adult his home background cannot be blamed, except in the sense that he has remained too closely attached to it. The notion that he was a little victim is ludicrously unconvincing.

Many of us who had nannies, and parents who saw us only at certain times during the day — when they were able to see us at all — nevertheless look back to happy childhoods; and there is every reason to suppose that his was, on the whole, very happy.

He had some nasty experiences at Gordonstoun, but no nastier than many others who went to boarding school. Besides, his time at Gordonstoun cannot have been all bad, since in 1972, when discussing "the effects of alienation on young people", he spoke with fervour about the ideas of Kurt Hahn, and suggested that "communities throughout Britain might borrow from the example of his old school". It was there, too, that he encountered at least one outstanding teacher, Eric Anderson (until recently headmaster of Eton).

Anderson, noticing that, like an earlier Charles, he was a "royal actor", gave him a minor part in the school's production of *Henry V*, and afterwards the lead role in *Macbeth*, in which he shone. Shakespeare has never ceased to mean a lot to the Prince, though as yet he seems not to have quite grasped what the Bard has to tell him about royalty. He "quotes with feeling from Henry V's soliloquy before the battle of Agincourt".

He has copied the Queen in maintaining a firm sense of royal vocation, in his fundamental conservatism, and in spending too much of his time in this country, particularly at Sandringham and Balmoral. When he bought a house of his own it was not overseas but in a hunting shire, though as he has afforded to be more adventurous.

In one vital respect, however, he has not followed his parents' example. Unlike them, he has not made his

marriage last and has not given his children a stable home. The blame for this does not, of course, lie exclusively with him. Marital breakdown is nearly always due in varying degrees to both parties, and even those who broadly accepted the Andrew Morton version must have felt that the Prince had a lot to put up with, whatever his own faults. Dimbleby makes a strong case for him, and defends him against some unjust imputations, while not denying his share of responsibility. Above all, the cruel charge that he was neglectful of his sons is well refuted.

All the same, the feelings of Prince William and Prince Harry — and of Camilla Parker Bowles's teenage children, who tend to be forgotten — must be further ravaged by this book and the vast attendant publicity. Short of brawling in the street it is hard to imagine what more the Prince and Princess could have done to bring their private quarrel to the attention of everybody

on the planet. The hurt inflicted on the next generation is incalculable. Beyond question the Princess began the mischief, via Morton, but the Prince has now compounded it. When will it end? Dimbleby is the best and fairest book on the subject so far, but unlikely to be the book to end books.

When the Prince married Lady Diana Spencer a star was born — but not, for him, a lucky star. Perhaps he did not want to marry a star at all, since he aspires, in vain, to star quality himself. Dimbleby admits that he was resentful of the Princess's phenomenal appeal to crowds when they visited places together. In Brisbane, where the public was "warm" towards him but "bored" with her, he took refuge, whenever possible, in Turgenev's *First Love* and Jung's *Psychological Reflections*. George VI did not resent the comparatively invidious success of his wife (and, if he had, would not have found solace in Turgenev or Jung); but then

Queen Elizabeth never failed to give him the support he needed.

For all its merits, the book is likely to prolong the personal crisis resulting from the Prince's marriage. But there is no constitutional crisis. If he survives his mother, he can expect to be King; and his qualifications are considerable. He also has some silly ideas about the monarchy, if Dimbleby's interpretation is correct; for instance, that it should be "scaled-down", and that fewer "minor" royals should be involved in its work.

He should reflect that it is not the minor royals who have recently brought it into disrepute, and that the need for it to be scaled down presupposes an institution confined to this country. If that is his view, one can only hope that it will change. Were the British monarchy ever to cease to be a worldwide institution it would lose much of its virtue.

● *The Prince of Wales*, by Jonathan Dimbleby, is published by Little Brown on Thursday, £20.

Curses on the pious do-gooders of the caring 1990s — children celebrating the ancient traditions of Hallowe'en are doing more good than they know

The Devil of a good time

THERE are witches and hobgoblins, devils and the undead on the loose tonight, their green plastic faces shaking with evil mirth. Their terrible claw hands are stained red with Ribena, their hair sticky with marshmallow, and their wands bear luminous skulls which gnash their jaws in a diabolical hunger. These terrible undead are, by and large, under 5ft tall, and their message to the world is: "Waaaaah! Whoo-hooo-oooo! Scared-yah!"

Quite unsuitable for the caring 1990s. Something, surely, will be done about this annual occult frenzy: it is a wonder that Michael Howard left it out of the Criminal Justice Bill. Action is patchy and local: the newish American import of trick-or-treating is properly discouraged on the grounds that it frightens old ladies and encourages child-molesters, but protest against Hallowe'en itself is half-hearted, and corner newscasters still make a killing on plastic cobwebs.

In the education system, only a handful of schools ban Hallowe'en

paraphernalia, and some of them actually organise parties with black balloons and the reception teacher galloping around on a broomstick. Our gentle, very Christian primary school did, and does, exactly that with huge success and only a couple of prim abstinences. Every autumn at the first PTA meeting of term someone used to say, "Shall we have the discussion about whether the Hallowe'en party is un-Christian?", and the consensus would be no; we wouldn't, could Mrs T do her black-and-green cupcakes again, and Brian order the black balloons.

So it always seemed to me that the tradition was in safe hands, and did not need defending by me. Indeed, I could go on pretending to be horrified by the goblin goings-on of my own children,

thus adding immeasurably to their pleasure. However, those few fretful adults who do ban Hallowe'en are getting more self-righteous every year. I have seen seven or eight press reports this autumn on schools which insist on "linking" — weasel word — the infant merriment with "occult practices" and of course "Satanic abuse". Children, the theory is, could be "drawn in" to undesirable rings of genuine natters through the wearing of witchy costumes.

The Leicester diocese of the Mothers' Union has come out against, saying that the occult is "hardly a step away" from the "commercial Satanism" of Hallowe'en. It does, at least, offer a substitute set



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of revels. "The Alternative Hallowe'en Pack" tries valiantly to shift the emphasis to November 1, All Saints' Day, and skim over its unruly, goblin-haunted eve (when a trick-or-treater calls, it suggests giving them the treat of a "Jesus Loves You" sticker).

It goes on to offer a skipping game based on John 1, 35-51, and an All Saints' party with fishing games, decorated candles and stained-glass effects. It seems you can have a hell (sorry, a heaven) of a lot of fun with balloons with texts on, people dressed as martyrs, and soup based on G.K. Chesterton's poem about St George's preference for bacon with beans. I do not mock. Any party is

good news. Perhaps we should have an All Saints' bash the day after the Hallowe'en revels.

But not instead of them, oh no. Better if these pious Christians took a real look at the spirit behind the silly plastic. Hallowe'en is not, never was, an approving celebration of dark forces: it is a vaccination against them. As the winter dark descends it is a spirited effort to drive out wickedness by mockery. The grinning goblin face of the pumpkin is a threat all right, but only a threat to real goblins who might be passing in the gloom and think they have a rival. The witches and comic red devils, the flaming rainbows and divination by apple, send up superstition.

And if you really are worried about modern Satanism — possibly the most

humourless religion ever devised by self-important inadequates — Hallowe'en remains a fine vaccination against that, too. Not for nothing did robust nuns encourage us convent schoolgirls to spook around like mad on October 31. They knew, and we knew, that on All Saints' morning we would be in chapel in our white veils singing "Alleluia".

THEY understood that our brief satirical curtsy to the forces of darkness did more good than harm, and made us forever scornful of those — whether Hollywood sickos or New Age gurus — who would in the future peddle us an infantile Satanism and a load of druggy nonsense about our Dark Side.

So, do not fear: end your journey before dusk tonight, carry bread and salt in your pocket, tie a rowan branch to your bride (all right, windscreen wiper), and smile indulgently at the pumpkins in the windows and the little witches traipsing home. They are doing the right thing: more right than they understand.

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■ Fictional horror is all around us, yet we are innocents when confronted with gruesome reality

Some weeks ago a friend of mine at Oxford, Dr David Deutsch, said something rather odd: "There is no violence on television, except the news." I was not certain that I understood him. I am now.

It was last Tuesday night, just after midnight. I was making a long journey from London Underground, from Osterley in west London to Stepney Green in the east. The journey takes more than an hour.

At first I was oblivious to my railway carriage and its passengers, though I did dimly notice a group of three unpleasant-looking youths at the other end. They seemed to have some kind of a bone, a large bone, and were examining it.

I began to adjust myself to my environment, to sense where I was in mid-carriage. A man was sitting quietly opposite me in a world of his own. At the opposite end of the carriage from the youths, a noisy group, perhaps from a pub or party, chatted and laughed. I looked again at the three youths.

They were aged from 15 to 18, all boys, all white, all ugly. One looked quite strong — though — while the other two were short and squat, one with ginger hair the other dark. The dark one caught my attention because he had a scarf tied over his head in the way that morose pop group the Beastie Boys used to. He had bad skin. There was something indefinably nasty about the trio, but they were not threatening.

I looked again at the piece of bone they were carrying. Perhaps it was from a dead animal — a cow or horse? It was not one of those white plastic look-alike pieces of skeleton that medical students buy; part seemed to be covered in the leathery remains of what had once been skin. It looked old and dirty, as if it had just been dug up. How unpleasant.

Then I looked harder. It was a section of human leg. There was no mistaking this because you could see a foot at the end. This must have been a primate's foot because it was so lengthy, at right angles to the shin, and (showing through the leather) long, thin parallel bones were evident. It could just have belonged to a monkey, but this seemed unlikely.

The trio were absorbed in their trophy and doing no harm. It is not, I imagine, an offence in itself to carry human bones on the Tube, but still this felt furiously, wildly wrong. I should have leaned across to the man opposite me or walked up to the partygoers at the other end of the car and said: "Do you think that might be a leg those youths are carrying? What do you think we should do?" But I

did nothing. I just kept staring at the bone.

It was a child's leg from the knee down. It was little more than 18 inches long. I was horrified. We use the word "shocked" so easily that it carries little weight. We are seldom shocked. By this, however, I felt numb, immobilised and strangely depressed.

Nobody else in the carriage seemed to have noticed. Some minutes later, the youths left. Had they robbed a grave? Should I have followed them, perhaps, or called the police? I should have noted the station but didn't even do that. Should I have kept out at the next one to report what I had seen?

I should have done something. Instead, I carried on with my journey feeling what I can only describe as stunned: completely passive, cast down. I started trying to imagine who the child might have been, what she or he might have looked like, whether her life up until her death had been happy, and how she had died and when. It was now nearly 1 a.m. I walked from Stepney Green down White

Horse Lane, past the church and the graveyard, where I live. I could not sleep for an hour.

I have read that in the 17th century a child in the East End could reckon on seeing 400 public executions by the time he became a man. How little real horror, as

distinct from fictional representations of horror, do modern children or adults actually see? Probably no generation has personally witnessed less that is gruesome and real than mine: post-war England.

And what I found so extraordinary about the whole thing is how hard it hit me. I have not led a sheltered life. Children do die. I know that. There must be millions of them under the ground. So someone was carrying a bone? How tame can you get? OK, I have never actually seen a real leg bone before — but I've seen far, far worse on television. We are offered a daily diet of late-night movies in which people chain-saw each other to pieces, torture each other alive, gouge each other's eyes out... all this can be experienced in your own living room. In television fiction, I have watched bodies being incinerated in burning cars. And now I had seen something infinitely less dramatic, but real... and I was knocked sideways. Television violence has "desensitised" us to death, pain, flesh, the experts say.

The experts are wrong, utterly wrong. I realised this without a shadow of doubt on Tuesday. There is no violence on television, except the news.

In the 17th century, an East End child would witness 400 executions while growing up

An apparently random attack such as that on the White House may be a portent of great changes

Tremor of doom in the Disunited States

The assault on the White House by the man from Colorado can hardly be regarded as a serious attempt to assassinate Bill Clinton, but seems to be more of a symbolic protest. As such, it is extremely interesting. The White House is the supreme symbol of authority in the United States. An assault on it attacks the concept of authority rather than a particular holder of the office of president. Mr. Duran may well turn out to be mad, and his personal motives are unknown, but his madness would not detract from the significance of his protest. Psychotics often entertain ideas which are repressed in more orderly minds. The violent rejection of constitutional authority is an aspect of the modern world's psyche, and not only in America.

A similar violent symbolic protest in modern British history turned out to be a powerful indicator of future developments, down to the present day. In June 1914, on another Saturday evening, the last public party of the day was being shown the royal chapel in Westminster Abbey. There was an explosion; a bomb had been placed against the Coronation Chair, which was made to the order of King Edward I to contain the Stone of Scone, the ancient stone on which the Scottish kings had been crowned.

The bomb had been placed by what was then known as the "Militant Sisterhood", the extremist wing of the Suffragettes. It was one of a number of similar attacks the group made during that summer before the war. It did surprisingly little damage, though the chair and the screen behind it both needed repairs. Some people said that the Suffragettes had done less harm to King Edward's chair than the Ministry of Works had when the chair was crudely revarnished in 1887. After the Second World War, the Stone of Scone itself was stolen by students.

The Coronation Chair is a symbol

of authority in British society. Except for Edward V and Edward VIII, every English monarch since 1297 has been crowned while seated upon it. No doubt the Suffragettes thought of it as symbolic of masculine authority — of the patriarchal power of kingship — although it had of course been used for the coronation of queens as well as kings. In attacking the chair, they were defying the power of the nation's father-figures as well as male authority in general. They were also, of course, using the method of terror. It seems to have been only a matter of good fortune that none of the visitors to the Abbey was injured, although the bomb cannot have been very big.

Most of what the Militant Sisterhood wished to overthrow has in fact been overthrown in the 80 years since that explosion. Its symbolism proved to be extremely apt. There are still many remnants of male power, but deep inroads have been made into that citadel — and rightly so. The bomb was also a protest against the Abbey itself, against at least a particular view of religion and against the Anglican Establishment. By now the British have lost most of the religious faith they then had, there are women priests and the Anglican Establishment is a cowed ghost of its pre-1914 self.

This protest must also have been directed against the monarchy, for King Edward's chair is a symbol of that. The tide of cultural change since

1914 has left some acreage of mudflats where once there was an unbroken sea of loyalty to the Crown. The protest also had the particular character of terror. The Sisters were the predecessors of other terrorists with more powerful explosives. The IRA and Hamas are among their cultural grandchildren.

Attacks on the symbols of national authority should not be disregarded just because they have little or no immediate effect. The Suffragette bomb did not win women the vote — that

and all of them were eventually achieved. It was a revolutionary act, and by the end of the century most of the revolution had been accomplished, more gradually but more permanently than Lenin's Russian Revolution of 1917.

The forces of tradition and constitutional order were far stronger in the United States of 1994 than they are in the United States of 1914. There were, it is true, foreshadowings: tremors of the doom of the old order were being felt. In 1912, my own grandfather, then in the last year of his life, wrote to one of his oldest friends: "People say that I am depressed, but as the Trade Unions are about to have a national strike, Lloyd George is ruining the country, the Germans are about to go to war, and I am going blind, I do not see why I should not be depressed." He did go blind, and Germany did go to war.

William Rees-Mogg

came because of the war; it did not overthrow the Asquith Government — that too happened because of the war; it did not finish off King George V — he was killed by Lord Dawson of Penn more than 20 years later in order to meet a deadline for *The Times*; it did not bring to an end the British Empire — that was the work of the Atlee Government, which gave India independence in 1947; it did not bring the ordination of women — which began only when the Militant Sisters of 1914 were almost all dead. Nevertheless, it was in some degree intended to achieve these objectives.

by a change of president in 1996. The psychology of modern America is vividly expressed by a verse of Matthew Arnold's, originally addressed to Victorian England:

And Empire after Empire, at their height
Of sway, have felt this bidding sense
Have felt their huge frames not constructed right,
And droop'd and slowly died upon their throne.

Every empire has to face decline in the end; by the middle of the next century it is probable that America will have been overtaken as a world power by the Asian nations of China and Japan, and by the end of the century perhaps by India as well. The system of creating industrial wealth which was invented in Britain in the period from 1750 to 1850 was passed in the period from 1850 to 1950 to Europe and North America, and in the period 1950 to 2050 it is being passed still further, to the Asian powers. These have been the greatest of all the revolutions of modern power.

Many Americans now believe that this process is inevitable, and that it is destroying American authority, externally and internally. With the decline of authority, they already detect an unravelling of society, separation of the old unity into warring groups, black against white, agnostic against religious, pro-choice against pro-life, Hispanic against Anglophone, liberal Democrat against conservative Republican. What the melting pot has melted is now again beginning to separate. In particular, many Americans have come to see their government as their enemy — not merely as corrupt, but as a force for destruction in their society. Yet no nation can live without authority: the man from Colorado was attacking a symbol — perhaps the central symbol — of the American nation. His outrage is a portent of decline.

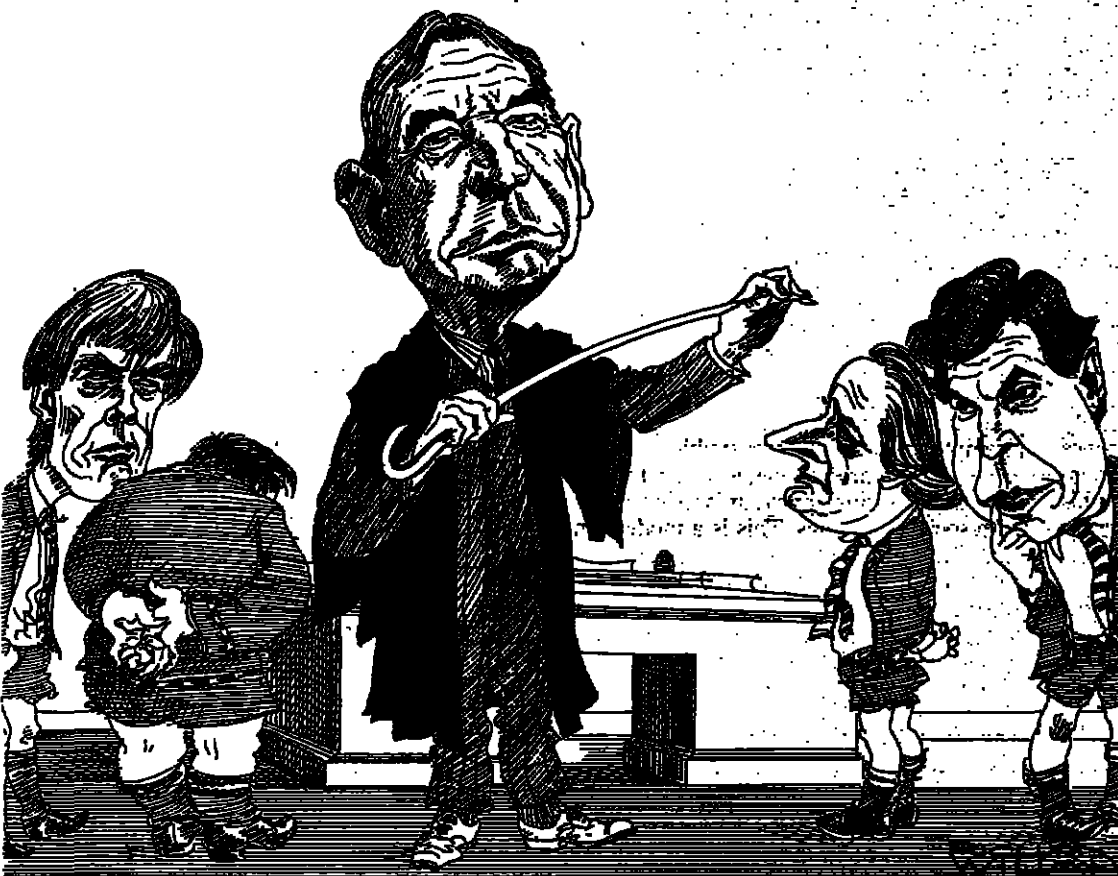
Expect more, pay more

Peter Riddell argues that self-regulation by MPs is no longer enough

The "sleaze" storm should blow itself out within a few days. Despite the froth in the Sunday papers and the contractions of *The Guardian*, nothing new of substance has emerged for several days. The bills which Jonathan Aitken seemed to be concentrating upon are not those of the Paris Ritz but those of government spending departments. After what will probably be a highly partisan debate today, attention should soon turn elsewhere. Yet the charges are not just "little tattle", as an irritated John Major claimed on Friday. His Government and Parliament have been damaged. There is widespread concern about the behaviour of MPs and about appointments to public bodies. Are MPs all honourable gentlemen and ladies who should be left to regulate themselves by a largely unwritten code of ethics? Formal rules have traditionally been minimal and even those that have been drafted, such as the register of MPs' interests, dating from 1975, have not defined acceptable behaviour or dealt with conflicts of interest.

Confusion about ethical standards was highlighted by a fascinating survey of 100 MPs reported by Maureen Mancuso in *Parliamentary Affairs* in April 1993. On the basis of hypothetical questions about conflicts affecting an MP, she grouped them into Puritans, Servants (of their constituents), Muddlers and Entrepreneurs (willing to do anything within the law). There was no consensus, and informal restraints no longer applied. This may have been exacerbated by the complacency that comes with one party being in office for so long.

Few argue that MPs should have no outside interests. That would



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reinforce the increasing trend towards full-time, career politicians who have limited outside experience, which the main parties and such bodies as the Industry and Parliament Trust are trying to reverse.

Any change would inescapably mean a rise in salaries. Few successful executives in their late thirties or early forties earn the £31,500-odd of MPs. So unless MPs are paid more — say, £50,000 a year — talented outsiders will be deterred from standing, and existing MPs will seek other sources of income. It is hypocritical of journalists who earn more than MPs to run populist campaigns against pay increases.

Outside interests are a means of keeping in touch. A businessman MP should not have to cease involvement with his or her company, nor should a union official MP sever links with

his or her union. But work that results solely from an MP's membership of the Commons is different. Tony Benn argued on Tuesday that "when people vote for an MP, they should know that that member works for them and is not using his position in Parliament to earn money on political matters that benefit the member, not the constituent". But should all consultancies be ruled out? MPs who advise trade associations, unions or even companies on political changes can improve understanding. That is different, at least in degree, from working for a political consultancy and hiring yourself out to anyone who will pay a fee.

Such consultancies could be banned. But that would limit the

traditional independence of MPs, though *Erskine May's Parliamentary Practice* already says that MPs cannot accept fees for professional services connected with proceedings in Parliament. This rule was intended to stop MPs appearing as legal counsel before the House. Is raising an issue as a result of a paid consultancy any different? MPs could be barred from raising any matter on behalf of an interest from which they have received money.

Alternatively, MPs might be obliged to make full disclosure of earnings from any activity deriving from membership of the Commons. That would cover consultancies, but not a pre-existing business, although there are grey areas such as journalism. Members of the press gallery, incidentally, are required to make annual declarations of interests.

Self-regulation is, as in the City, no longer credible. It is unconvincing for the Government to say that the privileges committee should conduct its inquiry into the "cash for questions" affair in private because it has always done so. Public reassurance is necessary. Tony Blair is right that the hearings should generally be public, though the committee should be able to sit in private if the evidence is sensitive or potentially prejudicial. A sensible compromise has been made harder by the partisan stands taken by both parties.

By forming the Nolan committee as a standing body to examine "current concerns about standards of conduct of all holders of public office", the Prime Minister has implicitly accepted that outside help is needed. But contrary to some suggestions last week, Parliament is not surrendering control over its own affairs. As Mr Major stressed, the Nolan committee will be advisory and will not replace the House's own machinery in relation both to individual members and to changes of procedure. The House will have the final say.

Yet higher standards of public accountability are now required. It is not enough for a committee of insiders to pronounce in private. As I discussed here on Saturday, even the activities of Sir Robin Butler, the impeccably impartial Cabinet Secretary, as one-man guarantor of the probity of the Government are being questioned. He is in danger of appearing to be a public defender of the Government, as well as its most senior adviser. Senior MPs on the Treasury and Civil Service committees want to examine him about his role.

Parliament can no longer take its public reputation for granted. Admittedly, only a small minority of MPs are abusing their position, while much lobbying activity is an expensive confidence trick in which access and influence are exaggerated. Most MPs are over-worked and under-paid. British public life is not corrupt by historical or international standards, but if Parliament is to restore public confidence, it needs to show that MPs are acting on behalf of their constituents, not their own pockets.

Round table

ASPIRING MEMBERS of the Garrick Club may find a new initiation rite, highly indigestible. The club is tightening up its already rigorous selection procedure, and future candidates for membership will be obliged to prove their worth at a series of meals, under the critical gaze of committee members.

The new system, outlined in the latest edition of the club's newsletter, will require hopefuls to eat at the communal centre table, where the conversation is open to all.

"Proposers will be asked to state in their letter of proposal that their candidate has lunched or dined at the centre table on a number of occasions," writes Nunc Wilcox, chairman of the general committee. "It is suggested that when entertaining a candidate, hosts make a particular point of introducing him to any member of the general or candidates committee who may be present."

Gaining admittance to the all-male Covent Garden home of the bibulous lunch has never been easy. There's a six-year waiting list, and after a multitude of hurdles, candidates can still be blackballed.

as Jeremy Paxman found last year. But writer, broadcaster and Garrick man Frank Muir is pleased with the new obstacle thrown in the path of would-be members. "It makes a lot of sense. I'm not sure about Paxman, but in general if you have lunch with somebody it makes them likely to be sympathetic and sign the book. Of course, there's always a danger in candidates having a good look at the members."



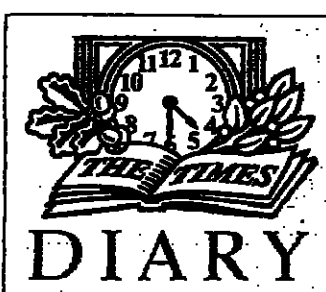
After three months in office, Stephen Dorrell, the National Heritage Secretary, has finally found himself a special adviser. Appropriately, with the fate of the BBC high on his agenda, he has plumped for something BBC man Nick Robinson, a deputy editor of Panorama.

Success

TO SUCCEED in matters of the heart, it helps to enlist Martin Amis. A literary agent tells me how during an important date he spotted the pint-sized writer eating at a nearby table in the fashionable restaurant 192 in west London. Anxious to impress, he sped over to the novelist when his lady friend went to powder her nose, and begged him to pretend to be an old chum. Genuinely, Amis agreed. When the lady returned, he swanned over and offered an effusive greeting. "How are you doing, big boy?" he drawled with a pronounced stage wink. "It helped no end," beams the happy agent.

For this relief

THE MONKS at Ampleforth Abbey take respite from wrestling with knotty theological problems,



such as the ethical debate about the measles and rubella vaccination, by having improving secular literature read aloud at meal times.

However, there are concerns that they may be somewhat startled by an incident towards the end of the current offering, *Younghusband: The Last Great Imperial Adventure*, by old boy Patrick French.

Lady Younghusband particularly hated Roman Catholics, and as a parting gesture of defiance before she died, relieved herself on a copy of the *Catholic Herald*. "I rather hope they skip that bit," shudders the author.

The mysterious sojourn of the Duchess of York's sherry "Yelsin" is at an end. Pemba Gyalden, who met the duchess on Everest last year, has apparently had enough of life as a house guest at Romenda

Lodge on the Wentworth Estate in Surrey, and is returning home to the Himalayas.

Barred bard

NOT ONLY are the authorities at Her Majesty's Prison North Sea Camp, Lines, striving to prevent break-outs, they appear exceptionally anxious about bad influences getting in. Geordie poet Tom Pickard has been barred from holding five days of workshops with prisoners, in case his work *Tiepin Eros* corrupts his charges.

"It was decided the material would not be suitable," explains a Home Office spokesman. "I'm kind of amazed," says the softly-spoken Pickard. "Some of my work contains expletives, but by no means all of it. There's a poem composed of graffiti from a cell door. Perhaps the warders thought that might cause a riot."

Pickard has had a raw deal from Home Office types. "In 1978 Kenneth Baker included one of my poems in an anthology. I'm still waiting for the royalty."

Frank

THE formidable Kenneth Branagh publicity machine goes into mon-



Headline news: but not all publicity is welcome

strous overdrive this week with the premiere of *Frankenstein* at the London Film Festival on Thursday. He and wife Emma Thompson are unlikely, therefore, to be amused by the publication of an unauthorised biography, *Ken and Em*, on the very same day.

Earlier this year, when they heard that the author, Ian Shuttleworth, was writing the book, the couple got into an awful flap about

it. Fearing that he might be prying into their private lives, they instructed friends not to speak to him.

So it comes as some surprise that the publisher, Headline, has secured a deal to produce the movie tie-in audiobook of *Frankenstein* to be narrated by Kenneth Branagh.

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE

October 29: By Command of The Queen, Mr John Shippam (Deputy Lieutenant of the County of Devon) was present at Gatwick Airport, London, this morning upon the departure of the Governor-General of Antigua and Barbuda and bade farewell to His Excellency on behalf of Her Majesty.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

October 29: The Duke of York, Colonel-in-Chief, The Staffordshire Regiment, this afternoon arrived at Heathrow Airport, London, from Denmark.

ST JAMES'S PALACE

October 29: The Prince of Wales this afternoon attended the Rugby Match between Llanelli and South Africa at Stradey Park, Llanelli, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Dyfed (Mr David Mansel).

YORK HOUSE

October 29: The Duke and Duchess of Kent this evening attended a dinner in aid of the Royal Society of Mentally Handicapped Children and Adults and Children's Street Theatre Company, Chequers, Butlers Cross, Windsor, Buckinghamshire.

Mrs Peter Troughton and Mr Nicholas Adamson were in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

October 30: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh were represented by Colonel Sir Cennydd Traherne, KG (formerly Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for West Glamorgan) at the Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of Lieutenant Colonel Sir Michael Ulewellyn, Br (Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for West Glamorgan) which was held in St Mary's Church, Swansea, this afternoon.

The Prince Edward was represented by Mr David Mansel Lewis.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

October 30: The Prince Edward this morning arrived at Heathrow Airport, London, from Mauritius.

KENSINGTON PALACE

October 30: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon and his Friends in the Holywell Music Room, Oxford, held in aid of the Oxford Recording Centre for the Blind in the Bodleian Library.

Her Royal Highness was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Oxfordshire (Sir Ashley Parsons, Bt).

Mrs Jane Stevens was in attendance.

Today's royal engagements

The Duchess of Gloucester will attend the Women of the Year Luncheon, at the Savoy Hotel at 11.45, in aid of the Greater London Fund for the Blind.

The Duke of Kent, as patron, will visit the Institute of Occupational Health, Birmingham University, at 10.45 and will open a new factory extension of F&BDEC at Grange Road, Ebbw Vale, South Wales at 1.10.

The Duchess of Kent will visit the RNLI lifeline station at Albert Quay, St Helier Harbour, Jersey, at 2.00; will open St Ewalds Residential Home, Trinity Hill, at 3.00; will visit the Eric Young Orchard Foundation at Victoria Village, Trinity, at 4.15; and will attend a dinner at Government House, St Vincent, at 7.30.

Arbitrators' Company

The following have been elected officers of the Arbitrators' Company for the ensuing year:

Master, Mr F.C. Goodall; Senior

Warden, Mr C.J.E. Evans; Junior

Warden, Mr D.A. Smith.

Appointments

Mrs Sally Friend has been re-appointed member of the Council of Tribunals for three years from November 1.

Mr William Patrick Christopher Barry to be a full-time Chairman of Social Security Appeal Tribunals, Medical Appeal Tribunals, Disability Appeal Tribunals and Child Support Appeal Tribunals from December 12.

Nature notes

MANY cormorants have left the sea cliffs and are back on lakes and gravel pits for the winter. They float in the water with only their neck and their green eyes and their sharp beak showing, and they dry themselves after fishing by standing on the branches of a dead tree with their wings spread out.

Yellowhammers are joining up to hunt for seeds at the field edges: in their winter flocks they have a distinctive note like a trickle of water. Snow buntings are arriving on sandy shores in Scotland and along the east coast: with their white wings and dancing flight, they look like a whirl of snowflakes which rise in a flock. Most of them have come down from Greenland or Iceland.

On some oak and beech trees there are still multi-coloured leaves of green, yellow and orange, but they



The cormorant

turn to a leathery brown as soon as they fall. The leaves of ash trees start falling when they are still green or only tinged with yellow. In the hedges, there are red and orange berries or woody nightshade, and in some places even the purple and yellow flowers are still in bloom.

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Guide to the night sky in November

By MICHAEL HEINDRICK
ASTRONOMY CORRESPONDENT

MERCURY should be visible to the naked eye during the first part of the month when the -0.5 magnitude planet will be low in the southeastern sky before sunrise. It reaches greatest western elongation (19 deg) on the 6th, rising two hours before the Sun on the 10th. The very thin crescent Moon might just be visible to the south on the 2nd. Mercury is 4 degrees north of the bright star Spica on the 3rd.

Venus is at inferior conjunction on the 2nd when it passes between the Earth and the Sun. It then moves quickly away from the Sun during November becoming a brilliant -4.6 magnitude "morning star", rising more than three hours before the Sun by the 30th. Mercury will be about five degrees north of Venus about the 12th. The waning crescent Moon is to the south on the 30th.

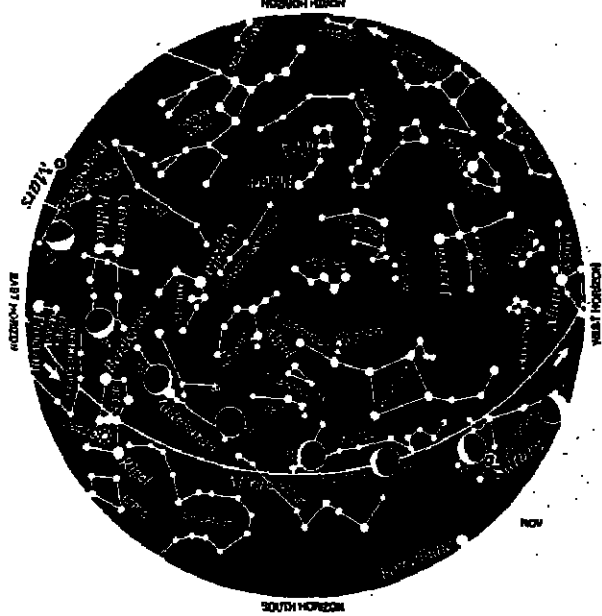
Mars moves from Cancer into Leo during November, the 0.3 magnitude red planet rising by 22h late in the month. Moon to the south on the 29th.

Jupiter is in conjunction with the Sun on the 17th and will not be observable during November. Saturn is in Aquarius and well-placed for observation from dusk setting about midnight in mid-month. Saturn is 0.8 magnitude and reaches a stationary point on the 9th. The Moon, just past first quarter, will be to the north on the 11th.

Uranus and Neptune are close together and in Sagittarius, setting early in the evening in November. Both require optical aid and are best seen during the summer evenings.

The Moon: new Moon, 3d 14h; first quarter, 10d 06h; full Moon, 18d 07h; last quarter, 26d 07h.

Sunset on the 1st is at 16h 35m and on the 30th at 15h 50m while sunrise is at 06h 50m and 07h 45m on the same dates. Astronomical twilight ends at 18h 30m and 17h 55m



The diagram shows the brighter stars that will be above the horizon at the latitude of London at 23h (11 pm) at the beginning, 23h (10 pm) in the middle, and 21h (9 pm) at the end of the month, local mean time. At places away from the Greenwich meridian the Greenwich times at which the diagram applies are later than the above by one hour for each 15 deg west of Greenwich and earlier by a like amount if the place is east. The map is intended to be turned so that the horizon of the observer is facing north by the words around the circle is at the bottom, the zenith being at the centre. Greenwich mean time, known as Universal Time and used in the accompanying notes unless otherwise stated.

early and late in the month and begins again at 05h 00m and 05h 45m.

Algo, the eclipsing binary star in Perseus, fades from 2.1 to 3.4 magnitude every 69 hours: it may be seen this month when faint about the following times: 2d 03h, 4d 21h, 7d 21h, 22d 05h, 25d 01h, 27d 22h and 30d 19h.

There are two eclipses in November. That on the 3rd is a total eclipse of the Sun and the Moon will cover the Sun from a narrow path across South America through Peru to Brazil. Over much of Central and South America, southern Africa and Antarctica a partial eclipse will be seen. The eclipse of the Moon on the 18th will be penumbral with the Moon not entering the Earth's central shadow. Although taking place at an hour favourable for observers in the British Isles with mid eclipse at 06h 44m, the amount of darkening of the Moon will probably be too slight to be readily noticeable.

The brightness of stars, planets and other astronomi-

"apparent visual magnitude". While the planets shine by reflected sunlight, the stars are self-luminous like the Sun (our star). If the stars were all equally distant, the apparent brightness would enable us to rank them in order of their own real or "intrinsic brightness". But we know that the stars are at very different distances from us and that their differences in apparent brightness are partly due to this. Direct measurement of distance is still only possible for the nearer stars but there are other ways of estimating the approximate distances of those that cannot be measured directly. When apparent magnitude and distance are both known the "absolute magnitude" can be calculated, the brightness the star would have at a standard distance of 32 light years. Comparing the stars at a standard distance shows up surprising differences.

The figures given for the planets in the monthly notes can be compared with some of the brighter stars in the winter sky. Brightest of these is Sirius at -1.5 mag, Rigel and Capella are +0.1, Procyon +0.3, Betelgeuse and Aldebaran +0.8, Pollux 1.1, Castor and Regulus +1.5 and Polaris +2.0. However, Rigel is 830 light years away and as bright as 52,000 of our Sun while Sirius at 9 light years is equal to only 23 Suns. Most of the nearest stars are intrinsically faint and not visible to the naked eye at all. Our familiar night sky is dominated by comparatively rare, very bright stars that can be seen at great distances.

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Fourmyron, inventor of the water turbine, St Eusebe, 1802; Sir Joseph Swan, chemist and physicist, Sunderland, 1828; Chiang Kai-shek, head of the National Government in China, 1924-49, Chekiang province, 1887; DEATHS: John Bradshaw, president of the judges at the trial of King Charles I, London, 1659; William Augustus, Duke of Cumberland, general, victor at the Battle of Culloden, 1746; Thomas Cochrane, 10th Earl of Dundonald, admiral, London, 1860; William Parsons, 3rd Earl of Rosse, astronomer, Monksborough, Co Cork, 1847; Marya Bashkirtseva, painter, Paris, 1894; Harry Houdini, escapologist and conjuror, New York, 1901; Max Reinhardt, stage director, New York, 1943; Pietro Badoglio, Marshal of Italy, Prime Minister 1943-44, Grazzano, Piedmont, 1956; Augustus John, painter, Fordingbridge, Hampshire, 1961; Ramon Novarro, silent film star, Hollywood, 1968; Indira Gandhi, Prime Minister of India 1966-77 and 1980-84, assassinated, New Delhi, 1984. Pneumatic bicycle tyres were patented by Scottish inventor John Boyd Dunlop, 1888. The Battle of Britain ended, 1940. Dr Ake Senning implanted the first internal heart pacemaker, Stockholm, 1958.

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Memorial Notice

John Robert Deverell CB, MBE A service of thanksgiving in celebration of the life of John Deverell was held on Monday in the Chapel of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire at St Paul's Cathedral.

The Archdeacon of London, the Ven. George Carey officiated, assisted by the Rev John Lee. Music was provided by a soloist, Miss Therese Feighan, together with gentlemen of the choir of St Paul's, joined by 4 sopranos and directed by Mr Andrew Lucas. The organ was played by Mr Huw Williams. The tribute was given by Mr Robert Strick and lessons were read by Mr Bill Deverell and Mr Mark Deverell.

The large congregation also included: Mrs Margie Deverell (widow), Lady Deverell (Mother), Major Christopher Deverell (son) and his wife, Alexandra, and Mrs Sally McKenna (daughter) and her husband, John, together with many other members of the family.

Mr Patrick Mayhew was at a meeting at Chequers, together with Sir Robin Butler and Sir John Chilcot, and was therefore unable to attend but was represented by Sir John Wheeler. Other guests

included: Sir John Ayle, General Sir John and Lady Aylehurst, Sir Hugh and Lady Annesley, Sir John and Lady Blekock, Sir Kenneth Bromfield, Mr Peter Brooke, Lord and Lady Cooke, Mrs Brian Cubbon, Sir Antony and Lady Duff, Mr David Fell, Mr Oleg Gordievsky, Mr Tom King, Sir Frank and Lady Loyd, Lord Lyell, Mr Michael Maes, Sir Colin McColl, General Sir David and Lady Ramsden, Mrs Stella Rimmington, Mr Quentin Thomas, Sir Patrick and Lady Walker, Mr Gerry Warner, Lady Waters, Lieutenant General Sir Roger and Lady Wheeler and General Sir John and Lady Wilsey.

Birthdays today

Miss Barbara Bel Geddes, actress, 72; Mr Eddie Charlton, snooker player, 65; Mr Michael Collins, astronaut, 64; Mr Hugh Cullwell, former principal, RADA, 76; Viscount Falkland, 75; Dr Ian Field, Secretary-General, World Medical Association, 61; Mr Dick Francis, former jockey and author, 74; Mr E.J.H. Gould, The Master, Marlborough College, 51; Mr John Gunter, theatrical designer, 56; Lord Hardinge of Penshurst, 73; Alastair Hetherington, journalist, 75; Mr Michael Hoff-

man, deputy chairman and chief executive, Thames Water, 55; Mr H.R.P. Keating, actor, 68; Mr Barrie Keeffe, dramatist, 49; Mr Michael Kitchen, actor, 45; Mrs Angela Knight, MBE, 44; Mr John Lowe, jockey, 44; Professor R.E. Mahler, consultant physician, 70; Mr Kevin Mooney, former jockey, 40; Mr Charles Moore, editor, *The Sunday Telegraph*, 38; Mr Brendan Mulvan, rugby player, 38; Mr Muller, Michael, 1926; Sir president, General Council of British Shipping, 73; Professor R.S. Peters, educationist, 75; Sir Jeremy Rowe, former chairman, Occupational Pensions Board, 66; Sir James Savile, broadcaster, 68; Mr John Sweetman, clerk of council, House of Commons, 64; Sir Derek Thomas, diplomat, 65; Professor John Vallance-Owen, physician, 74; Viscount Waverley, 45; Lady Wilcox, chairman, National Consumer Council, 55.

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Marriages

Mr A.C. Hunt and Dr A.E.M. Shell

The marriage took place on Saturday in the Chapel of Trinity College, Cambridge, of Mr Arnold Hunt and Dr Alison Shell. The Rev Michael Pire officiated, the Rev Arnold Browne, Dean of Chapel.

The bride was attended by Miss Bridget Shell. Mr Sean Hughes was best man.

A reception was held in College.

Mr J.C. Muller-Wende and Miss L.J. Bodway

The marriage took place followed by a blessing on Saturday, October 29 at St Andrew's Church, Colton, Norfolk, of Mr Joachim Muller-Wende, son of Herr Helmut and Frau Marianne Muller, of Rheinbreitbach, Germany, to Miss Lucy Bodway, daughter of Mr Colin Bodway, of Colton and Mrs Neil Crouton of Bykebeck, Norfolk. The Rev Roger Bykebeck officiated.

The bride was attended by Sophie Bodway, Oliver and Sophie Dermaux, Gwent and Armes Piddar. A reception was held at Colton Old Hall and the honeymoon will be spent in the Caribbean.

Mr S. Stannard and Miss P.M. Grainger

The marriage took place on Saturday, in Rochester Cathedral, of Mr Simon Stannard, younger son of Mr and Mrs Derek Stannard, of New Hampshire, to Miss Penny Grainger, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Gerald Grainger, of Rochester, The Cathedral Precinct, Rev Canon Richard Lea, officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Mrs Sarah Grainger. Mr John Stannard was best man. The Cathedral Flower Guild decorated the Cathedral with white roses and lilies.

A reception was held at Brandstatch Place Hotel and the honeymoon will be spent in India and Nepal.

Dr M.W. Weatherall and Miss S. Philbrook

The marriage took place on Saturday, October 29, at the Church of St Mary, Ambleside, of Dr Mark Weatherall, only son of Professor Sir David and Lady Weatherall, of Oxford, to Miss Sally Philbrook, only daughter of Mr and Mrs James Philbrook, of Eller, How, Ambleside.

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OBITUARIES

THE DOWAGER LADY BEAVERBROOK

The Dowager Lady Beaverbrook, who in her later years became a leading racehorse owner, died on October 26 aged 84. She was born on July 27, 1910.

THE widow of the first Baron Beaverbrook, the Canadian-born self-made millionaire, newspaper proprietor and politician, the Dowager Lady Beaverbrook was briefly married to him in the year before his death in 1964, as his second wife. She will also be remembered as the business aide and wife of Sir James Dunn, head of the Algonia Steel Corporation of Canada, to whom she was married from 1942 until his death in 1956.

However, most recent recollections will commemorate her as a highly successful leading owner on the turf which yielded her the St Leger winners Bustino and Minister Son; Niniski, who triumphed in the equivalent of the St Leger both in Ireland and in France; the Two Thousand Guineas winner Mystiko; and, among other good horses, Petroski, winner of the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes and the consistent and evergreen Boldboy.

In addition, she was a familiar dark-spangled figure in the sales rings at Newmarket and elsewhere, a shrewd and bold judge who learnt the hard way through early very expensive mistakes but in later years became one of the very few private individuals who could, single-handed, command enough capital to challenge, for the good of British racing and breeding, the domination by Arab owners of the thoroughbred bloodstock market. This was a spirited duel which she very much relished.

She was born Marcia Anastasia Christoforides, daughter of John Christoforides, a tobacco merchant of Cypriot extraction, and grew up in Sutton, Surrey. By 1930 she had become interested in politics, when Beaverbrook's Empire Free Trade crusade was at its height. She wrote making some suggestions for the campaign to the editor of the *Sunday Express*, which, as well as the *Daily Express*, Beaverbrook owned and used to promote propaganda for his Empire policies and dreams.

This resulted in a suggestion that she should apply for a job to Beaverbrook's friend, Sir James Dunn, another high-flying Canadian businessman and financier. Dunn was impressed by her determination. Despite her commercial inexperience, he took Miss Christoforides on



as his secretary, at 30 shillings a week.

In the years that followed, she became Dunn's indispensable aide, and companion. Not only that, on his stock market advice she became a rich young woman in her own right. Within five years Miss Christoforides had become assistant secretary of the Algonia Steel Corporation, of which Dunn had just become chairman, and which he spent the next vital years transforming from a problem-stricken company into a giant Canadian concern.

She also nursed Dunn through a near-fatal illness and then in June 1942 became his third wife. When he died in 1956 he was said to be worth £67 million. Not long afterwards, Lady Dunn sold her own personal holdings in Algonia Steel for £7.2 million.

In 1963, seven years after Dunn's death, she married his old Canadian

business associate, the former Max Aitken, by then Lord Beaverbrook, and 31 years her senior. The marriage lasted less than a year. Beaverbrook himself died in 1964. Only after the death of Beaverbrook did she take up owning racehorses, acting on the suggestion of Beaverbrook's friend, Lord Rosebery. She had been fond of horses from an early age and this suggestion was to lead to an all-consuming preoccupation with them. Lady Beaverbrook proved eventually to possess many virtues as an owner. Not least of these was the sterling attitude of not being afraid to keep successful horses in training beyond the age of three (when hard commercialism these days dictates a swift retirement to stud or paddock duties).

In addition, with British bloodstock under threat, an object of many of her purchases was, in her own words "... to try and prevent at least

a few well-bred lines leaving England".

The first important success she had was with Hametus, trained by the late Walter Nightingall, in the 1967 Dewhurst Stakes. Her next was not for another five seasons by which time Scoobie Brassey, the Australian-born former champion jockey, was training for her. He saddled Biskrah, successful in the Goodwood Handicap and Doncaster Cup. The following year, 1973, saw the first of a spectacular run of winners with horses trained by Dick Hern and helped by the appointment of the late Sir Gordon Richards as her racing manager.

One of her idiosyncrasies was that, for luck, she gave her horses seven-letter names. There were exceptions including her 1982 Coronation Cup winner, Easter Sun, because he was foaled on Easter Sunday, and later her St Leger winner, Minister Son. But Hern's success from the very outset with Boldboy admirably underscored the seven-letter principle.

Boldboy certainly enjoyed an astonishing career. He achieved a string of victories both here and in France, winning the Abernethy Stakes no fewer than three times and, at group level, the Challenge Stakes, also at Newmarket, twice; the Greenham Stakes and Lockings Stakes at Newbury; the Diadem Stakes at Ascot and the Vernon Sprint Cup at Haydock Park. By the time he was seven years old, in 1977, he had won £89,890 in prize money, a record amount for a gelding until Sea Pigeon's earnings overtook his total.

Boldboy undoubtedly remained Lady Beaverbrook's favourite. She not only made generous provision for his retirement but also included the old horse in her will. However, judged in terms of absolute merit, her best horse was Bustino. In 1974 he became her first classic winner and his eventual total prize money brought her a first substantial reward for her stout and unswerving support of British racing. Hern, in that season, sent out Bustino, who had been bought by his owner as a yearling for a comparatively modest 21,000 guineas, to win two classic trials, beating the eventual Derby winner, Snow Knight on both occasions.

At Epsom, unfortunately, the ground was too fast for Bustino and he finished fourth. He was then runner-up in the Grand Prix de Paris, won the Great Voltigeur, then the St Leger, in which his stable companion and pacemaker, Riboson, also carrying Lady Beaverbrook's

maple brown and green colours, finished third.

Bustino was kept in training as a four-year-old and became an outstanding advertisement for his owner's policy of campaigning older horses. He won the Coronation Cup and then, in one of the most thrilling races ever seen for the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes, went down by half a length after an epic duel to the 1975 Derby winner, Grundy.

The closest Lady Beaverbrook ever came to owning a Derby winner was in 1976, when Relkino was beaten by three lengths by the French-trained Empery. The following season, Relkino took the Lockinge Stakes and Benson and Hedges Gold Cup and was the prime contributor to his owner's 1977 prize money total of £141,415 which made her runner-up in the owners' list for the year.

In 1979 her colt Niniski achieved a remarkable international record. He was third in the St Leger at Doncaster, won the Irish St Leger at the Curragh and also triumphed at Longchamp in the French equivalent, the Prix Royal-Oak. In 1985 Petroski went one better than Bustino for Lady Beaverbrook by winning the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes, and in 1988 she had a further St Leger success with Minister Son.

The following season, Terimon, a colt sired by Bustino and trained by Clive Brittain, secured a niche in betting history when he finished second in the Derby, five lengths behind Nashwan, at a record starting price for the foremost classic of 500-1. That, however, was not his only claim to fame. After being several times placed in important events, he won the International Stakes in 1991 as a five-year-old. In the same year, Lady Beaverbrook had her final Classic victory with Mystiko, also trained by Brittain, who by now was training all her horses. Mystiko made every yard of the running in the Two Thousand Guineas.

Lady Beaverbrook's death leaves a cap in the dwindling ranks of those owners with not only the finance to do so but also the intention of promoting the thoroughbred bloodstock of this country. Because she avoided the limelight, she was not as popular with the general public as she deserved to be. But there is no doubt that her contribution to British racing, which became her life, and which was inspired by a genuine love of horses rather than commercial motives, was highly significant. She had no children.

THE REV GORDON MOODY



The Rev Gordon Moody, MBE, Methodist minister and founder of Gamblers Anonymous in the UK died in Salcombe, Devon, on September 30 aged 81. He was born in Tottenham, North London, on December 5, 1912.

IN THE early 1960s, following a Royal Commission, gambling lost some of the restraints which had previously been imposed on it. Just before this, Gordon Moody, a Methodist Minister, took over the responsibility of running the Churches' Council on Gambling. He persuaded the churches to drop their moralistic view of gambling and concentrate on the social effects, with a great emphasis on the psychological and psychiatric implications of gambling.

While he was not in favour of preventing people from gambling, he nevertheless was most concerned that there should be adequate legislative control of the activity to restrict excess. He also saw the need to provide some help for the casualties of a more relaxed approach to gambling. Consequently, when the opportunity to set up Gamblers Anonymous in the UK presented itself, he pursued this with the enthusiasm that was so characteristic of him.

He helped to fashion modern views of gambling and its availability, though he would have deplored the current "free market in all activities" atmosphere which has distorted many of the ideals that led to these views.

Gordon Edward Moody grew up in a Methodist family in Tottenham, where he also received his early education. After a short period of commercial work, he offered himself for the Methodist ministry and for 13 years, he had pastoral charge of churches in Leicestershire, Derbyshire, Cheshire and Devon. From 1962 to 1968 he served as a chaplain in the RAF and was stationed in England and Singapore.

In 1958 Moody was invited to become Secretary of the Churches' Council on Gambling. Although he had no prior contact with gambling, he approached the subject with a keen interest, as was typical of him. He developed a view of gambling which was more concerned with the social impact of this activity than with its morality.

After the Betting and Gambling Act 1960 and the consequent greater availability of gambling facilities, there was an increase in the number of people who were gambling to excess and were harming themselves and others. In 1964, with the help and advice of a member of Gamblers Anonymous in the USA, who happened to be visiting Britain, Gordon Moody played a vital role in the formation of Gamblers Anonymous (GA) and Gamanon (the support group for the spouses and partners of gamblers) in the

UK. Subsequently, these organisations conferred on him the title of honorary founder-patron.

Since the liberalised legislation in the early 1960s had not been drawn up sufficient tightly, a large amount of illegal gaming started to appear. This needed further legislation.

In recognition of the assistance that Gordon Moody gave the Home Office in formulating the policy which became the Gaming Act 1968, he was appointed MBE in 1969. In addition, the Open University conferred an honorary MA on him in 1980.

In 1971 he was instrumental in setting up a hostel in Beckenham for single homeless compulsive gamblers. This was named Gordon House, after him, and he continued to take an active interest in it until the end of his life.

In addition to his warm and friendly personality, which was most evident when dealing with people in trouble, Gordon (as he was always referred to in line with GA's principle of anonymity) had a very enquiring mind. This led him to organise consultations on compulsive gambling. These became a regular forum for those from various disciplines who were interested in learning more about excessive gambling. As a result of this, in 1977 the Society for the Study of Gambling was formed.

Towards the end of the 1970s, with Moody's imminent retirement from the secretaryship of the Churches' Council on Gambling and the consequent closure of the council, he was most concerned that its work in the social sphere should be maintained. This led, in 1980, to the formation of the National Council on Gambling, an organisation concerned with the impact of all aspects of gambling on the community and the family. Moody played a very important role in setting this up and became and remained until his death, one of its foundation trustees.

Even after his retirement to Salcombe in Devon, he continued his pioneering work. Co-inciding with the serious situation resulting from the access that children have to fruit machines in public places, he was responsible for setting up Parents of Young Gamblers, an organisation that provides some practical help in individual cases. Gordon Moody was a man of vision, enthusiasm and charm. He travelled widely and established lasting contacts and friendships among those in various parts of the world, who were concerned to learn more about the factors that lead to excessive gambling. Even after the onset of his final illness, following a major operation, he opened a conference on gambling in Australia in the summer of 1993.

Gordon Moody is survived by his wife Jess, a son and a daughter.

SIR GUY POWLES

Sir Guy Powles, ONZ, KBE, CMG, New Zealand's first ombudsman, died in Wellington on October 24 aged 89. He was born in Otaki on April 5, 1905.

LAWYER, soldier and diplomat, Sir Guy Powles had an illustrious career of public service to New Zealand. His two most important posts were High Commissioner to Western Samoa, a job which gave him a close involvement in the process of making the small Pacific country self-governing, and his appointment in 1962 as ombudsman, making New Zealand the first English-speaking country to establish the office.

The son of an army officer, Guy Richardson Powles was educated at Wellington College and Victoria University. He became a barrister of the Supreme Court of New Zealand in 1929.

He joined the New Zealand army before war began, training officers, and practising law part-time. Among his clients he had many conscientious objectors and would spend the morning at the army training camp, appearing in court during the afternoon to defend the right of pacifists to follow their conscience.

Nevertheless he was so keen to serve overseas as a soldier in Europe that he accepted demotion to do so. During the war he also joined a delegation of civil rights activists to the prime minister's office to

state opposition to wartime legislation which restricted freedom of speech.

When the war ended he was a New Zealand delegate on the Allied mission to Japan. He subsequently joined the Foreign Service, serving as New Zealand's High Commissioner to India and Ceylon and as Ambassador to Nepal.

In Samoa from 1949, he was not only a colonial administrator but helped the Samoans to independence and to create a public service and also designed a constitution. He played the role of intermediary between the Samoans and New Zealand as he fought for a good system for the Samoans, sometimes against his own government.

When, in 1962, he took on the office of Parliamentary Commissioner (ombudsman) his task was to investigate, on complaint or on his own initiative, any actions (or inaction) on the part of government departments which might be open to criticism. He held the job until his retirement in 1977, for the last two years as Chief Ombudsman.

He was also New Zealand's race relations conciliator from 1970 until 1972, president of the New Zealand Institute of International Affairs, 1965-71, and a commissioner of the International Commission of Jurists in Geneva from 1975. Appointed CMG in 1964 and created KBE in 1961, he was appointed to the Order of New Zealand in 1990.

Powles is survived by his wife Eileen, and two sons.

DAVID HILARY

David Hilary, CB, Receiver for the Metropolitan Police District from 1987 to 1992, died from cancer on October 21 aged 62. He was born on May 3, 1932.

SUPERFICIALLY the career of David Hilary was not unlike that of other senior civil servants. Educated at Tonbridge School and at King's College, Cambridge, he came in 1956 to a career in the senior ranks of the Home Office.

Early years in the Home Office extended to several departments where his abilities and exceptional capacity for coping with heavy work-loads were soon recognised, leading to promotion to Under-Secretary and appointment as head of the Criminal Justice Department and later of the Immigration and Nationality Department, responsibilities requiring resilience and sensitivity, as well as good judgment for both involved strong public interest and controversy.

He also served twice in the Cabinet Office (under the respective premierships of Harold Wilson and Margaret Thatcher). His last Home Office post was in the Police Department with a direct responsibility for international co-operation against terrorism.

This involved being chairman of European Community meetings in this field during the United Kingdom's presidency at which foreign delegates responded warmly to his very individual style and what they perceived, rightly or wrongly, as the appropriate behaviour of an English gentleman.

A major change came in March 1987 when Hilary became the fourteenth Receiver for the Metropolitan Police District in an unbroken line of succession from the formation of the force in 1829. As chief administrative and finance officer of a force of over 25,000 police officers and head of more than 15,000 civil staff, working in close accord with the Commissioner, the Home Office, and local authorities, it was a sea-change with a vengeance from the more cloistered life of Whitehall. He met with aplomb all the



many requirements, during a time of much change within the Metropolitan Police, and found time to initiate a most substantial reorganisation of his departments.

He retired in 1992, warmly regarded as well as respected by police and civil colleagues after 35 years of public service. This had been recognised by his appointment as CB in 1991.

It was a straightforward record, perhaps, but there were distinctive, and sometimes surprising, features. Hilary's father died while a housemaster at Westminster School whereupon his mother became "Mother of the College" having care of the school's 40 scholars.

From then on erudite reading and study were an integral part of Hilary's

life, embracing scholarships at Tonbridge and King's College, where he graduated in classics with first class honours in 1953. After being commissioned in the Royal Artillery during two years' national service he returned to Cambridge as a postgraduate, being nominated by the university as the Sandys student in 1954 and the Craven student in 1955.

Intellectual pursuits remained very much part of his life extending from coaching his children in Latin to undertaking on retirement a year's study of theology at King's College London. It was always intellectual study at a high level; indeed at a large gathering at New Scotland Yard for Hilary's retirement, Sir Peter Imbert, then Commissioner of Police, wryly commented when presenting Hilary with books of his personal choosing that even the titles were so abstruse that he could not understand them.

Beyond the confines of office, variety, colour and generosity were the pattern of his life. For some years at Christmas Hilary and his wife would take all the staff of his branch of the Police Department to the theatre after supper at his home in Victoria Square (not perhaps a practice widely followed in the Civil Service).

While at school, he had played at Lords for Tonbridge School, on one occasion destroying the Clifton XI by taking eight wickets for 69 runs with his medium-fast bowling under the watchful eye of his captain, Colin Cowdrey. His interest in cricket remained strong thereafter as captain of cricket at King's College, as a member of the MCC (which included the out-of-character flamboyance of invariably wearing braces in the garish colours of the Club), as a player for Home Office teams and, in his late fifties, as captain of the Commissioner's XI in an annual match against police cadets.

In 1957 he married Phoebe Buchanan with links through her mother to the Messel family; they had two sons and two daughters, all of whom survive him together with his wife.

Unpoetic Uri Geller has musical bent

By Philip Howard

Uri Geller, the master fork-bender, mind-boggler and self-publicist of current fashion, arrived in London yesterday. However, the cutlery of the Savoy Hotel, where he manifested himself, remained intact. Mr Geller's purpose was to publicise a long-playing record he has made, not to maltreat metallic objects.

Most of the lyrics he has written for the record are bland platitudes about love and loneliness which, he claims, come to him as an inspired feeling when he sits down at the typewriter. But the last song, "Mood", is a do-it-yourself incantation for bending forks. The lines run, curiously unpoetically:

"Hold the fork or key in your hands gently And start repeating in your head and mind Bend... Bend"

On the cover of the record Mr Geller and his company, Polytor, importantly disclaim responsibility for any experiments with the record and their consequences. He explained that that is to protect him from the sort of actions for breakages of clocks and forks with which he is pestered since he took up the trade

ON THIS DAY

October 31 1974

On this occasion Uri Geller was publicising a long-playing record that he had made. One song seemed to be an incantation for bending forks

of twisting metal. One woman in America sued him for paranormal impersonation because she became pregnant while watching him on television.

Mr Geller, dark, slim and with an unquenchable flow of prestidigitator's patter, replied to recent scepticism about the scientific validity of his tricks. He said: "In the long run criticism does not hurt, because scientific tests will eventually justify me. If you do not believe in what I do, that is your problem. No matter what they write about me, so long as they spell my name right, that's good."

He threatens that the day will come when

he will appear in a big television spectacular in front of all the top sceptics and scientists in the world to settle once and for all the validity of his powers. But just now the presence of conjurers, professional tricksters and other "negative" doubting Thomases inhibits him.

Witnesses were issued with metal forks to try for themselves. The atmosphere of a revivalist meeting was accentuated by two professors of London University, who rose to give testimony to the genuineness of Mr Geller. Professor John Hasted, Professor of Physics at Birkbeck College, said: "Scientists should not do this sort of thing, but it is time to stand up and be counted. I do not know what causes the phenomenon, but I believe in what Uri Geller does. Science will discover how he softens metal, though science may be changed in the process."

Professor John Taylor, Professor of Mathematics at King's College, said: "There are many gaps in science that we do not understand yet. The Geller phenomenon is very important because it will tell us new things about matter, radiation and human beings."

Hardened and shameless sceptics queued sheepishly for their knives and forks for lunch murmuring "Lord, I do not believe, help thou my unbelief".

Latest wills

Sir Neville Egon Leigh of London SW12, Clerk of the Privy Council 1974-84, left estate valued at £192,610 net.

Mrs Lynne Wagner Harding Unger of Los Angeles, California, USA, Lynne Wagner Harding, widow of Peter Sellers, and former wife of David Frost, left estate in England and Wales valued at £25,503 net.

Mr Mel Calman of London WC2, the cartoonist of the *Times* left estate valued at £246,048 net.

Mrs Alice Louise Hemmings of London NW3, former journalist and pioneer of the women's movement, for 40 years President of the Commonwealth Countries League, and a vice-president of both the International Alliance of Women and the Women's Council, left estate valued at £568,331 net.

She left £500 to the Commonwealth Countries League. Mr John Metcalf, of Wisborough Green, West Sussex, former advertising agent and public rela-

tions executive, and a book reviewer for *The Spectator* and *The Sunday Times*, left estate valued at £1,459,170 net.

Mr Archibald Campbell of Chesham Bois, Buckinghamshire, Assistant Under-Secretary at the Ministry of Defence 1969-74, left estate valued at £240,523 net. He left £100 to Chesham Cricket Club.

Mr Charles Arthur John Armstrong of Bours Hill, Oxford, left estate valued at £49,581 net.

Mrs Joan McLaughlin, of Bromley, Kent, left estate valued at £7,466,698 net.

John William Tatnell Whiteley, 3rd Baron Marchamley, of Whitcombe, North Hants, Devon, left estate valued at £49,581 net. Sheila Couper Barrie of Broadway, Wiltshire, left estate valued at £2,288,702 net.

Smith of Broadway, it respectively to her family to be divided equally between the five children and the residue to the charitable trust.

Mrs Augusta Hammon of Wappingbury, Leamington Spa, Warwickshire, left estate valued at £2,231,714 net.

She died intestate. Judge left Samuel Ronald Abdega, QC, of Shipdon, near Wychnow, Oxfordshire, a judge at the Old Bailey from 1970-85, left estate valued at £279,115 net.

Mr William Ernest Frank Ward of Bunsford, Surrey, former director of Education, Mauritius, and Deputy Educational Adviser in the Colonial Office, left estate valued at £674,837 net.

He left £37,100 and 1/10th of the residue to personal legacies, and 1/10th of the residue each to St Andrew's United Reformed Church, Chesham, and the children fund, Imperial Cancer Research Fund, Woodlands Trust, Lincoln College, Oxford, St Peter's, and St Peter's, Francis Hennessy, of Tor-

quay, Devon, left estate valued at £624,572 net.

He left £11,000 to personal legacies, and the residue equally between the five children and the residue to the charitable trust.

Other estates (net before tax): Mrs Rosemary Mary Allison, of Swanland, North Humber-side, left estate valued at £394,694.

Professor Richard Arthur Buckingham, of Chichester, West Sussex, Professor of Computer Education, Birkbeck College, left estate valued at £163,332 net.

Mr John Robert Carlberg, of Sutton, Surrey, left estate valued at £388,674. Mrs Hermina Newman Cleave, of Winchester, Hampshire, £807,485. Betty Leaf Coles, of Great Maplestead, Essex, £1,097,451. Mrs Evelyn Mary Dodd, of Ashbourne, Derbyshire, £528,022. Mr Harry Maurice of London NW11, left estate valued at £713,917 net. He died intestate.

NEWS

Post office sell-off to be abandoned

The Government is on the brink of abandoning its plans to privatise the Post Office in the face of implacable opposition by a hard core of Tory backbenchers.

Richard Ryder, the Chief Whip, has told Cabinet colleagues that they are courting political disaster if they press ahead with the £1 billion-plus sell-off. Page 1

Brittan urged to carry on

Sir Leon Brittan, Britain's senior commissioner in Brussels, came under strong pressure from his former Cabinet colleagues not to carry out his threat to resign but to stay and fight for his vision of an open, free-market Europe despite his disappointment at being stripped of responsibility for the European Union's relations with Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union. Pages 1, 12

Soldiers freed

Four British soldiers being held by the Bosnian Serbs on charges of spying were released after Serb leaders met Lieutenant-General Sir Michael Rose, the United Nations commander. Page 1

Duke in Israel

The Duke of Edinburgh tipped through the political minefield of the Arab-Jewish conflict as he started the first British royal visit to the Jewish state. Page 1

Army accident

A woman Oxford University student died and another was critically ill after their Land Rover overturned and burst into flames during a TA exercise on Salisbury Plain. Page 1

Dickens of a muddle

The BBC's television dramatisation of *Martin Chuzzlewit* is to have an ending favoured by its director rather than that favoured by David Lodge who adapted Dickens's novel. Page 1

Public question

John Major is expected to back down today in the row over whether the Commons "cash for questions" inquiry should be held in public. Page 2

Prince's gamble

The Prince of Wales took a gamble on co-operating with a book about him when he was being "killed off" by the tabloid press. Jonathan Dimbleby said. Page 3

How the other half learns

Four senior Hull University staff are giving up their £35,000-a-year lifestyle for a week to live on a student income of £23.10. They hope to highlight the problems facing undergraduates who have had a 10 per cent cut in grants. They will swap executive lunches for beans on toast and home life for a single bed in university accommodation. Page 5

Customs jobs axed

Almost 5,000 Customs and Excise jobs, including thousands of VAT officers, are to be axed in the biggest shake-up in the department's history. Page 5

Roads challenge

The Government is being threatened with legal proceedings to force the publication of a controversial report that challenges the basis of its £19 billion roads-building programme. Page 8

Seal of approval

A study by Aberdeen University has demolished the theory that seals are responsible for the decline in stocks of salmon and cod from the waters around Scotland. Page 9

Algerian civil war

In Algeria Islamic extremists are waging a civil war to claim power torn from their grasp in 1991, when they won a majority of seats in national elections. Page 10

White House alarm

The American Secret Service is to broaden its review of presidential protection after an army veteran strafed the north face of the White House with bullets. Page 11

French sleaze

Four more French ministers are tipped for imminent tumbrils after the exit this month of Gérard Longuet, the Industry Minister, who is being investigated for graft. Page 12



Thomas Winning, the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Glasgow with his grand-nephew Thomas McCarron. The Archbishop is one of 30 new cardinals named yesterday by Pope John Paul and is only the third Scottish cardinal since the Reformation. Page 13

BUSINESS

Pensions fear: News that the life and pensions companies will have to pay up to £2 billion to compensate victims of mis-selling has sparked fears that policyholders will foot the bill. Page 44

Higher pay: Pay settlements are set to rise to 3.5 per cent during the early months of 1995. This will prove a crucial test of whether the economy is able to deliver a higher level of employment. Page 44

Heron takeover: A consortium of wealthy US investors, led by Steven Green, head of Samsonite, will today reveal terms of a £142 million takeover bid for Heron. Page 44

Secure City: The City of London plans to increase its surveillance of people and vehicles, despite the IRA ceasefire. Page 40

FEATURES

Prince of Paradox: An arrogant bore, or a sensitive monarch in waiting? John Grigg on the controversial Dumbleby biography of the Prince of Wales. Page 17

Talking the whale: A British-led research project is seeking to discover whether the humpback whales of the South Pacific are heading for extinction. Page 16

EDUCATION

Crushed ambitions: Thousands of newly qualified graduates searching for the promised green shoots in the market are having to compete for menial jobs. Page 37

Partnership lesson: Would independent schools survive a change in government? Page 36

ARTS

Mad for Manlow: Bournemouth was quivering last week. Female locks were being teased and favourite outfits were being pressed. Barry was in town. Page 15

Forever ugly: Brad Fraser turned to a gruesome 17th-century tale of sexual perversity and murder for the inspiration behind his play *The Ugly Man*, now revived. Not for the faint-hearted. Page 15

High notes: The Royal Opera's new production of Gounod's *Roméo et Juliette* may have lacked a little drama but it more than made up with fine performances. Page 14

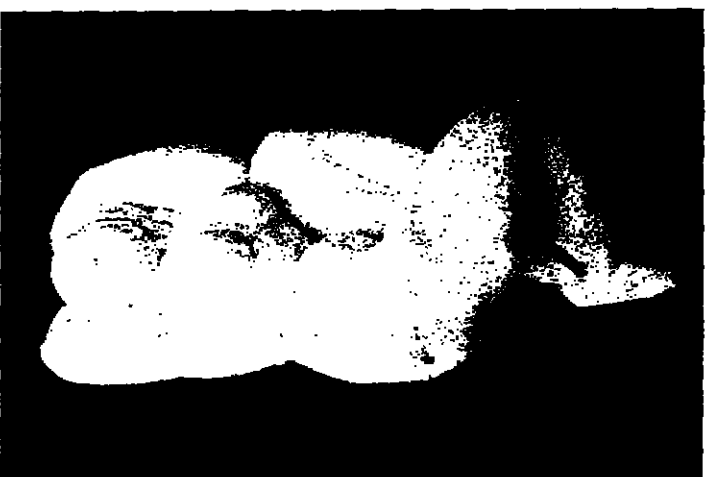
Body of experience: Lynn Seymour may be 55 years old but, as the former Royal Ballet star proved in her weekend appearance, she still moves beautifully. Page 14

TO MORROW

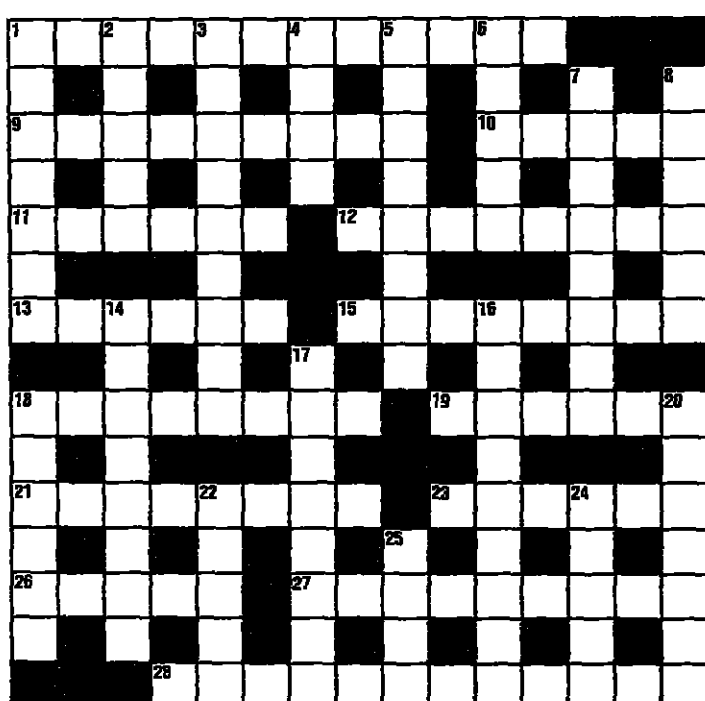
IN THE TIMES

PAST MASTER
Richard Cork on an exhibition (left) resurrecting the reputation of sculptor Frank Dobson

THE MINDERS
Matthew Bond, television reviewer, on the training of bodyguards to the celebrities



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KNOCKLANDS

The solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No 19,686 will appear next Saturday. The five winners will receive a bottle of Knockando, a superb Speyside Single Malt Scotch Whisky and a fine leather credit card wallet.

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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Saturday, highest day temp: Portland Bill Dorset 15C (59F); lowest day temp: Ayr, Scotland 10C (50F). Highest night temp: Ayr, Scotland 10C (50F). Lowest night temp: Ayr, Scotland 10C (50F).

LONDON TO MUNICH

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FORECAST

General: Shetland will have a mainly cloudy day with rain at times. The rest of Scotland, along with Northern Ireland, Wales and the west of England will have some sunshine but also showers, some heavy.

East Angles and northeast England will be sunny at times with a few showers. London, southeast and central southern England and the Channel Islands will have rain for a while, some of it heavy. The day will turn drier and clearer.

Fairly windy everywhere.

London, SE England, Central S England: Rain for a while, some heavy, turning drier and clearer. Wind strong SW. Mid. Max 15C (59F).

E Angles, E Midlands, E England, NE England: Sunny at times. A few showers. Wind strong SW. Mid. Max 14 to 16C (57 to 61F).

W Midlands, SW England, Wales, NW England, Lakes, Isle of Man:

AROUND BRITAIN

24 hrs to 8 pm	Thunder	Drizzle	Dust	Storm	Light	Snow	Ice	Wind	Temp	Humid	Cloud	Sea	Max	Min
London	0.7	0.3	14	57	1	0.1	0.1	14	57	1	0.1	14	57	1
Manchester	0.7	0.3	14	57	1	0.1	0.1	14	57	1	0.1	14	57	1
Birmingham	0.7	0.3	14	57	1	0.1	0.1	14	57	1	0.1	14	57	1
Cardiff	0.7	0.3	14	57	1	0.1	0.1	14	57	1	0.1	14	57	1
Edinburgh	0.7	0.3	14	57	1	0.1	0.1	14	57	1	0.1	14	57	1
Glasgow	0.7	0.3	14	57	1	0.1	0.1	14	57	1	0.1	14	57	1
Newcastle	0.7	0.3	14	57	1	0.1	0.1	14	57	1	0.1	14	57	1
Sheffield	0.7	0.3	14	57	1	0.1	0.1	14	57	1	0.1	14	57	1
Nottingham	0.7	0.3	14	57	1	0.1	0.1	14	57	1	0.1	14	57	1
Leeds	0.7	0.3	14	57	1	0.1	0.1	14	57	1	0.1	14	57	1
Bradford	0.7	0.3	14	57	1	0.1	0.1	14	57	1	0.1	14	57	1
Sheff Hallam	0.7	0.3	14	57	1	0.1	0.1	14	57	1	0.1	14	57	1
Doncaster	0.7	0.3	14	57	1	0.1	0.1	14	57	1	0.1	14	57	1
Wakefield	0.7	0.3	14	57	1	0.1	0.1	14	57	1	0.1	14	57	1
York	0.7	0.3	14	57	1	0.1	0.1	14	57	1	0.1	14	57	1
Lincoln	0.7	0.3	14	57	1	0.1	0.1	14	57	1	0.1	14	57	1
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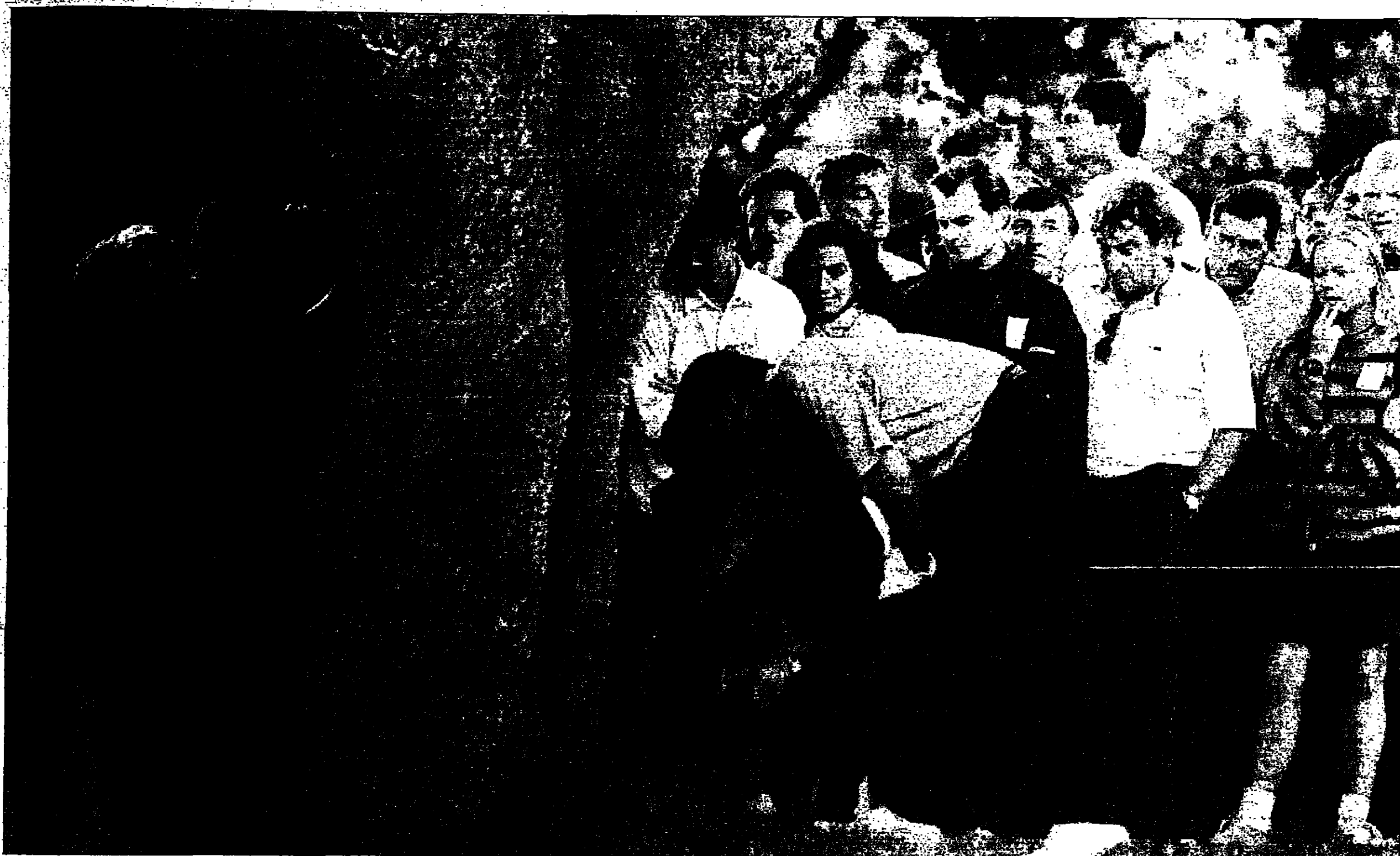
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Ballesteros and Paramor, chief referee of the European Tour, fail to reach agreement about the lie of the Spaniard's ball on the final hole at Valderrama yesterday. Photograph: Hugh Routledge

Langer clinches second place in Order of Merit with win in Spain

Ballesteros denied home rule

ONE man who will certainly not be receiving a Christmas card from Severiano Ballesteros this year is John Paramor, the chief referee of golf's European Tour. On Saturday, Paramor fined Ballesteros £500 for slow play. Yesterday, Paramor denied the Spaniard a free drop from an animal scrape near a tree on the 72nd hole at Valderrama. This ruling virtually ensured that Ballesteros could not win the Volvo Masters for the first time.

It meant that Bernhard Langer, who had birdied the 17th and then demonstrated a professional's skill by rolling three shots into two on the 18th, getting up and down from a bunker 25 yards from the flag, won this end-of-season event for the first time. There was poetic justice in this because his course record 62 in the second round, had left his rivals open-mouthed in disbelief and admiration. With this victory, Langer also leapfrogged Ballesteros to take second place in the final Order of Merit.

under par and needed a par four to force Langer into a play-off for the title. Ballesteros was lying second in the Order of Merit and snuffing his third victory of the season. Furthermore, blind chauvinism suggests that many Spaniards, and there were several thousand of them present, felt he deserved what he was asking for.

Guy Hunt was the first rules official to be called to the scene, and he summoned Paramor. Ballesteros was appealing that his ball, which was at the base of one of the three thousand cork oak trees on this course, was near a hole that could have been caused by an animal and that he wanted relief, under rule 25-1, from the movement (or run-way) made by a burrowing

John Hopkins, golf correspondent, reports on a rousing German victory in the final event of this season's European Tour at Valderrama

animal. Ballesteros's ball was in front of some sand and between 15 and 18 inches from the hole.

For nearly five minutes, Ballesteros tried to persuade Paramor of the correctness of his case. There could only have been one worse scenario for Paramor and that was if his verdict had decided the Order of Merit. As it was, he went to extreme lengths to make sure that he arrived at what he felt was the right decision.

Several times he picked up handfuls of soil to see if he

could see any evidence of animal droppings, which would have been a clear indication of a burrowing animal. "I could find no evidence of such droppings," Paramor said. Ballesteros was unhappy, later muttering darkly to Spanish journalists. He had little complaint about, though, having driven badly all afternoon.

Colin Montgomerie, already assured of winning the Order of Merit, had a patchy afternoon. He missed seven greens on the outward half alone, and hit a spectator on

the head with a wayward shot on the 7th. He bogeyed the 72nd hole when his second shot finished on a road and finished third equal with Miguel Angel Jimenez. Any feelings of sympathy for Montgomerie should be mitigated by the fact that he has collected £762,719, a record total, in winning this year's Order of Merit.

What with the rulings to Ballesteros and Montgomerie, the round could hardly have ended in greater contrast to the way that it had started. Hardly had Ballesteros and Montgomerie, nine and seven under par respectively, begun than there was a cameo that promised an afternoon of superb golf for the 3,000 spectators who followed this particular match, members of

the biggest crowd ever to attend this event.

Montgomerie's second shot on the first pitched past the flag and spun back until it stopped two and a half feet from the hole. A roar went up from the crowd and Ballesteros glanced across at his opponent. "So that's the way you want it," he seemed to be saying, settling over the ball. Moments later, his shot pitched short of the hole and rolled to within a few inches. Pandemonium ensued. It was now game on, as they say.

Or rather, it wasn't. Thereafter, the two of them played end-of-season golf. Montgomerie in particular. Adding to the frustrations he may have been feeling about his golf was his concern at the ill-disciplined crowds and poor marshalling. On the 4th, Montgomerie and his caddy shouted at a greenside marshal who would not keep still. On the 9th, Montgomerie had a word of complaint with Hunt and Paramor.

Though it appeared to hinge on the 18th, Ballesteros had gone halfway to losing the tournament a hole earlier. His poor drive meant he was struggling to match Langer's birdie and had to settle for a par. What would he have given for Jimenez's eagle on this hole, which, incidentally, gave Jimenez a total of seven under par for four rounds at this hole — an albatross, eagle and two birdies? Ballesteros may be the King of Spain, but not even he can reign supreme all the time.

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Langer celebrates with the Volvo Masters trophy

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SPORT IN BRIEF

Russell's misfortune hands Fogarty title

CARL Fogarty, of Great Britain, won the world superbike title in the final round yesterday when Scott Russell, the defending champion from the United States, suffered an untimely burst tyre at Phillip Island in Victoria, Australia.

Fogarty won the rain-delayed first race on his Ducati, breaking the lap record. Russell, who was second on his Kawasaki, then went into the second race knowing he had to win and Fogarty finish lower than fourth for him to retain his title.

Russell led early on, but when his rear tyre burst spectacularly, forcing him into the pits, the championship was lost. Fogarty, who finished second to Anthony Gobert, of Australia, finished the season with 305 points, 25 ahead of Russell.

Glasson struggles on

GOLF: An inconsistent Bill Glasson, of the United States, struggled on Saturday after making an overnight swing change, but held onto his lead through the third round of golf's richest tournament, the \$3 million (about £2 million) Tour Championship, in San Francisco. Glasson started and finished the day one stroke in front after compiling four birdies and four bogeys in a roller-coaster even-par 71 on a pleasant afternoon at the Olympic course.

He was at 205, eight under par, with one round to play, while Fuzzy Zoeller, who scored 66, and Mark McCumber, with a 69, were tied for second on 206. Six others were within three shots of the lead in a tightly-bunched field.

Revenge for Hall

BADMINTON: Darren Hall added the second Friends Provident British Grand Slam title to the one he captured in Belfast last month when he defeated Anders Nielsen 15-6, 15-4 in the final in Perth yesterday. The former European champion from Essex gained revenge over Nielsen, a bronze medal-winner in the European championships and Commonwealth Games, who had beaten him in the 1992 English national final. Hall's target next month is the Scottish Open title.

Weale wins play-off

BOWLS: Robert Weale, who has played for Wales on grass since 1982, but has only recently made himself available indoors, qualified for a place in February's Churchill Insurance world indoor singles championship when he easily won the Welsh play-off at Llandrindod Wells, Powys, yesterday. Wales' women swept to a 2-4 win over Jersey at the Atherley Club, Southampton, losing only one pairs encounter in the indoor match.

Bradley expects to play

RUGBY UNION: Michael Bradley, right, the Ireland captain, damaged a wrist playing for Cork Constitution against Waterpark on Saturday, but is expected to be fit for the international match against the United States in Dublin next weekend. Alan McGowan, the Blackrock College stand-off half, will win his first cap after the withdrawal from the selected team of Eric Elwood.



Nottingham lead table

ICE HOCKEY: Nottingham Panthers lead the British League premier division after defeating Basingstoke Beavers 10-6 yesterday. Sheffield Steelers, in third place, ensured the Braconell Bees' winless record survived for another week by defeating them 15-4, with Nemeth leading the way for Sheffield with four goals in the second period. Humberside Hawks beat Peterborough Pirates 12-4, a week after losing by one goal to the same team.

Prospects diminish

VOLLEYBALL: England's prospects of reaching the men's European championship for the first time diminished yesterday when they lost the first leg of their qualifying tie 3-1 to Portugal at Galeshead. The Portuguese are favourites to progress after the second leg in Oporto on November 27 after their 15-10, 15-8, 15-8 success. In the women's world championship in Sao Paulo, Brazil, Cuba took the title by overpowering Brazil 3-0. Russia took third place.

Golf's past masters perform in nick of time

MATTHEW BOND
TV ACTION REPLAY

The King was in his clubhouse counting out his money, the Queen was stuck behind a tree eating bread and honey. For many of those who witnessed the high drama of yesterday's final golf round at Valderrama, it is difficult to imagine that, for 24 hours, the live television coverage of the Volvo Masters, the final tournament of the PGA European Tour, had looked like going horribly wrong.

It was all a matter of timing. Eurosport, for instance, who to its credit was the only channel that provided live coverage of the first round, did get on air in time to show Colin Montgomerie driving on to a road at the 16th, but entirely missed the six golfers that shared the first three positions after day one. Suspicions that someone might have forgotten that we British had just put our clocks back rose again on Friday, when both Eurosport's and BBC's transmissions started just as Bernhard Langer's record-breaking 62 finished.

Now, herring day-long coverage, there is little that can be done about such misses, particularly during early rounds. Nevertheless, the worry that this was one of those tournaments when all the best action was going to come off-camera remained. Until, that is, Miguel Angel Jimenez sank his 210-yard putt at the 17th — slap in the middle of Friday's televised afternoon session.

Albatrosses may be bad news for mariners, but they are just what the swing-doctor ordered for broadcasters having trouble with their timing. Coverage never looked back.

For the BBC, the weekend rounds split double joy. Not only did they have live coverage of yesterday's final round to themselves, the third round on Saturday provided *Grandstand* with live action tailor-made for golf-nut and couch-

potato alike. To have Langer, Ballesteros and Montgomerie contesting the lead is the stuff of a Head of Sport's dreams. Not just great golfers, but great golfers that ordinary people have actually heard of. To have them do it all over again yesterday just about defied belief.

Such a popular climax justified the BBC's decision to arrive at Valderrama somewhat mob-handed. Not only was the crack commentary team of Peter Alliss and Alex Hearn in situ, so was Sue Barker to conduct the post-round interviews. Barker may not know her Pings from her

putts, but it was her live interview with Langer on Friday afternoon that first revealed the contribution made by Anders Forsbrand to Langer's record-breaking round.

Both the BBC and Eurosport showed the high-quality pictures supplied by Tour Productions, the outside broadcast company that the ubiquitous Mark McCormack co-owns with the European Tour. So any comparison must be confined to the standard of the commentary. In which case, the BBC won nine-and-eight.

Eurosport's commentary was halfway to the brighter

future it promises. Steve Beddow is no Peter Alliss, but he was on site (rather than in a studio in Paris), was well briefed, appeared to know the course and was joined by the best sort of expert — players such as Mark James, Peter Eales and Mark Roe who had just finished their rounds. But unfortunately, the wise words that Beddow et al were supplying were all but drowned out by the sort of atmospherics once associated with listening to Radio Luxembourg under the blankets. "It's very windy at this tee," said a muffled Beddow. I'm sure it was, but it was nothing to the hurricane blowing through the public call box he appeared to be using as a commentary position.

There must have been cheers at Eurosport's Paris headquarters on Friday, when the mighty BBC opened its coverage with similarly awful sound. A frantic ten minutes

followed, but after two apologies and a brief resort to a telephone line, the crackles and hisses cleared to make way for the dulcet tones of Alliss and Hay. Sadly, the valiant Beddow spent the entire tournament talking through his electrostatic sock.

For Sky Sports, which has shown nine tournaments from the European Tour this year as part of its £35 million deal, it must have been galling to have the BBC snap up the last tournament of the Tour, but Sky hit back in a way that should have found favour with real golfing enthusiasts. For while they could spend the afternoon with the BBC assessing the course that will be the venue for the 1997 Ryder Cup, the evening could be spent with Sky and its live coverage of the last tournament of the American Tour, the Tour Championship from San Francisco. Always pays to keep an eye on the opposition.

Australia prove unstoppable in record eight-try spree

Wales wilt as injuries take toll

Wales..... 4
Australia..... 46

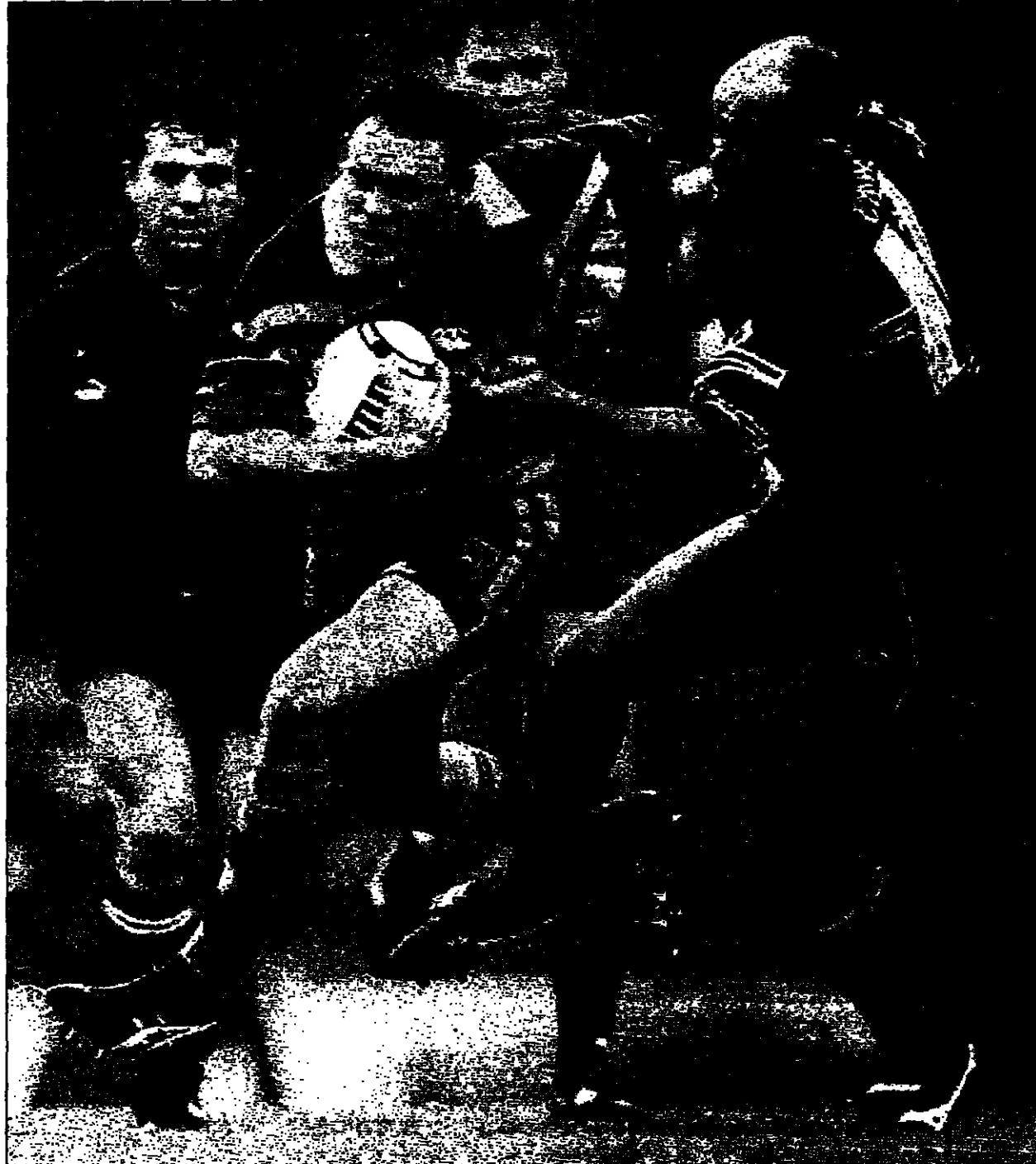
By CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

JONATHAN Davies was restricted to a walk-on part before the rugby league international against Australia in Cardiff yesterday and, without their captain and totem, Wales were run off their feet, suffering a record margin of defeat. It was a chastening experience and, for John Devereux, an exceedingly painful one. Making only his second appearance since February, the Widnes winger was in hospital having a plate inserted in a fractured jaw as Australia continued to pile up points in the second half.

Devereux, who was hurt in a collision with Meninga's shoulder in the ninth minute, will be out of action for several months. With Young down at the same time with a head wound that needed 12 stitches, Wales' injury problems rapidly reached crisis point.

They had already conceded the first of eight tries as Furrer

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Wishart breaks Ford's tackle to set up a try for Meninga, the Australia captain. Photograph: David Jones

now being found for Wishart, whose 18 points for Wales aggregate in four games to 80.

Handling was never easy in atrocious conditions, yet, in spite of 23 errors, Australia were irresistible. Wales, with their slender resources, knew the task was almost an impossible one from the outset.

It was hardly made easy by the withdrawal of Davies, although Harris, 18, did himself much credit deputising at stand-off half. Davies' shoulder injury should have healed sufficiently for him to play for Britain at Old Trafford on Saturday. Bateman's hamstring injury is a greater concern.

Losing Ellis, who was sin-binned with Sironen after the brawl in the sixteenth minute, was careless. The subsequent dissent by Ford, for which he was also given ten minutes to cool down, left Wales at the mercy of Australia's greater strength and speed.

Renouf was slotted into a yawning gap on the left by Kevin Walters, who, minutes later, cut loose on halfway for Renouf to put Mullins away. Mullins dummied Sullivan, the luckless last line of defence, in the subsequent try by Wishart.

As the Welsh wing went down to retrieve a kick through by Langer, Wishart

picked up to score. Wishart was again at the heart of the Australian attack, brushing off two tackles and giving Meninga on his outside one of the captain's more straightforward touchdowns.

Fairleigh had been on for three minutes when he was sin-binned for taking out Ellis illegally. This did not prevent the ebullient Fittler putting Florino through, but Wales got their deserved consolation after Gibbs' one effective intervention in the centre. As Ellis loomed a ball to the left corner, Powell pounced for a try despite a suspicion of a knock-on.

Wales had reduced a tide to

a trickle, but there was room and time enough for Renouf and Fittler to round off the scoring.

SCORERS: Wales: Try: Powell, Australia: Tries: Renouf (2), Wishart, Furrer, Meninga, Florino, Fittler, Goals: Wishart (2).

WALS: P Ford (Salford); A Sullivan (St Helens); S Gibbs (St Helens); sub: J Llan, Warrington, (Sironen); J Downes (Widnes); Tries: Renouf (2), Wishart, Furrer, Meninga, Florino, Fittler, Goals: Wishart (2).

Steadman's form wrecks chance for Bradford

BRADFORD NORTHERN'S hopes of closing the gap on Wigan, who lead the rugby league Stones Bitter Championship, were shattered in a 39-18 defeat away at Castleford yesterday. Northern have now conceded 115 points in losing their last three matches.

Graham Steadman, the Castleford full back who has been called up to the Great Britain squad for Saturday's second Test match against Australia at Old Trafford, scored one fine try and landed three goals, including a dropped goal. The New Zealand backs, Richie Blackmore and Tony Kemp, were Castleford's other try-scorers.

Leeds, however, did press home their challenge with an overwhelming 38-10 victory over Wakefield. Ellery Hanley, the Great Britain coach and Leeds loose forward, returned to duty after injury to dominate the game by scoring three tries. Hanley was on hand to finish off a fine attack by Garry Schofield and at 21 minutes brushed past several defenders from a play-the-ball near the Trinity line to score again.

Wakefield were never really in the game, but, after reaching the interval 20 points in arrears, they earned some credit in the second half by hitting back with tries from David Nelson and Gary Christie.

Featherstone picked up their first away win of the season against Oldham, thanks to a scoring spree in the last ten minutes with tries by Gary Price and Lee Senior, earning a final score of 10-20. Rovers had led 6-2 at half-time thanks to the only try of the first period, from Frederic Banquer, the French wing.

Halifax made it six wins in a row for Steve Simms, their new coach, in a seesaw game which saw them overcome Sheffield by 24-20. Sheffield bounced back superbly from their 80-2 midweek mauling by Australia, however, and would have won had Lee Jackson and Alex Thompson not been denied tries either side of the break for double movements.

Once Halifax had piled up ten points in the first seven minutes, however, the gap proved too much for Sheffield.

Rugby codes move towards more cordial relationship

THE end may be in sight to the 99-year war between the two rugby codes, with both sides apparently prepared to sit down and talk peace. Maurice Lindsay, the chief executive of the Rugby Football League, and Vernon Pugh, the chairman of the International Rugby Board (IRB), have yet to speak directly, but have indicated their willingness to meet (Christopher Irvine writes).

Without a specific agenda, talks about talks is the best that can be hoped for, but Pugh has extended an olive branch ahead of the IRB meeting next March that will discuss whether players who have turned to rugby league will be allowed to play rugby union again.

"We want to see what the view of the league officials will be if union moves a step down the professional road," Pugh said in a newspaper interview yesterday.

"Such a move would clearly have a significant effect on rugby league because it would probably mean players being contracted in union at

international and club level. It may be that there would not be enough room for two codes, but everything will be speculative until the IRB decides on the future of amateurism next March."

Lindsay believes it inevitable that the games will come together in the long term. "Life has changed, a lot since 1895. People's attitudes have changed and players these days, both in union and in league, see no shame in getting paid," he said.

"It's premature to talk of merger at the present time. All we are saying is that we are a modern and vigorous sport and it would be childish not to speak to our counterparts in union."

Workingman came from behind to beat Doncaster 19-16 in yesterday's Stones Bitter Championship match. Doncaster had been well worth their 16-8 lead after 43 minutes and it was not until the final ten minutes of the game that Workingman gave in. For the first time with a try from Mark Mulligan, their impressive Australian full back.

Schofield hopes tour fund will total £30m in 1995

FROM JOHN HOPKINS
GOLF CORRESPONDENT
IN VALDERRAMA

KEN Schofield, the executive director of the PGA European Tour, maintained that television and the European Tour's golf properties were the pillars on which the European Tour had been built when he announced the 1995 schedule in Spain on Saturday. This seemed a strange claim to make at a time when far fewer people are able to watch golf on television now that the BBC televises so few events and only five golf courses have been completed.

The 1995 schedule presently includes 24 events on the Order of Merit. At the end of March, one week is empty and the next week's tournament, the Estrella de Occidente, is yet to be confirmed. As the week after that is empty, too, there is a possibility that there will be a three-week gap in next year's schedule.

"Over the past 20 years, sponsors have come and sponsors have gone," Schofield said. "We hope that when negotiations are concluded, the prize-money, which is £24 million this year, will be up to £30 million. That figure is substantially, if not comfortably, within reach."

Schofield said the Tour's decision to award the television contract to Sky Sports had resulted in more golf on television. "If we had not brought competition to the table and aggressively distributed it, we would not be where we are today," he said.

"In 1986, 27 events were televised. In 1994, 39 events have been televised. We welcome the BBC to the Volvo Masters, but I am not certain they would have been here if it had not been for the competition provided by Sky Sports."

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£100,000 and above	5.500%	5.64%	4.13%
£50,000 - £99,999	5.375%	5.51%	4.03%
£25,000 - £49,999	5.000%	5.12%	3.75%
£10,000 - £24,999	4.625%	4.72%	3.47%
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£25,000 - £49,999	4.250%	4.32%	3.19%
£10,000 - £24,999	3.875%	3.93%	2.91%
£2,000 - £9,999	3.500%	3.55%	2.63%
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£1,000 and above	3.375%	3.42%	2.53%
£500 - £999	3.125%	3.16%	2.34%
£250 - £499	2.800%	2.82%	2.15%
£100 - £249	1.875%	1.89%	1.41%
£50 - £99	1.750%	1.76%	1.31%

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The Net Rate is the rate paid after deducting income tax at the Basic Rate, currently 25%.

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Hateley forces his way through the Celtic defence to score his and Rangers' second goal after 42 minutes of the Old Firm clash at Hampden Park yesterday

Laudrup and Hateley dazzle and deliver

THE fabric of this Rangers team may have been tattered and torn by injuries, but some of the remaining remnants are certainly dazzling. Hateley, with the first two goals, and Laudrup, with limitless invention and a finish that put his side 3-1 ahead, decided the Old Firm derby firmly in the champions' favour at Hampden Park yesterday.

It is almost impertinent to harbour doubts about a man as gifted as the Danish forward, but there had been a certain frustration at Laudrup's inability to influence crucial matches earlier this season. He made magnificent amends here.

When such distinguished footballers come to Scotland, a perverse line of questioning always follows. If this player is so good, people fret, what is he doing in our league? Laudrup offers an intriguing answer. At 25, he has already had his fill of fame and now he searches for freedom.

Italy was captivity. The tactics chafed and the crowd's displeasure weighed upon him in a year with

Florentina that led to the club's relegation. Last season, he was at AC Milan, on loan, but soon discovered that the footballing superpower has a tendency to use its foreign signings to decorate the stand rather than adorn the pitch. Most weeks, his place in the club's plans was no more than the best seat in the house.

Rangers, having paid £2.3 million for him, grant Laudrup the liberty that all performers of such creativity deserve. Yesterday, he floated just behind Hateley, pondering which section of the Celtic rearguard should next be afflicted. Everyone has their favourites, though, and so the play tended to run to the Rangers' left.

Resistance there, until his substitution, was supposed to be provided by Barry Smith, a third-choice right-back for Celtic, and although the youngster has a sturdy tackle, he was not nimble enough to land it against a player of Laudrup's calibre. Rangers might easily have run up the scale of their victory.

Kevin McCarra sees two of the finer foreign imports to the Scottish game inspire Rangers to a 3-1 victory over Celtic that puts them back at the top of the table

In the first minute, Collins was nodding Hateley's header, from a corner, off the line. Eight minutes later, the Englishman was felled inside the area by Smith, but the referee took the unfathomable view that no penalty was due. Like a heat-seeking missile, though, Laudrup continued to lock on to the right of Celtic's back four.

In 24 minutes, he skipped past Byrne and Smith to deliver a deep cross. It fell to Murray's feet, but he mislaid a shot straight to Celtic's O'Donnell. When the first goal did arrive, two minutes later, it stemmed, after all the artistry, from a hapless mistake.

Boyd allowed himself to be robbed by Miller. The ball was slipped into the area, where Hateley waited with all of a veteran's

maturity. He knew there was no time to be finicky and elected to take the shot with his "wrong" right foot. It still floated precisely into the corner of the net.

Rangers looked well-equipped to protect their advantage. McLaren, making his debut after a £1.7 million transfer from Hearts, was sound and Boli, beside him, at last showed sufficient discipline. The ad hoc arrangement was curiously harmonious. "Wishart, Boli and McLaren have scarcely ever seen each other before, never mind played together," Walter Smith, the Rangers manager, said, "but they did very well."

Their mission was simplified by the many Celtic deficiencies. Tommy Burns's team is suffering from distinguished goals syndrome: they

only seem able to score after moves involving a ripple of fine passes. Intricacy can easily break down and Celtic do not possess the thrust to force the more simple mayhem that creates more regular goals. Their equaliser, needless to say, required refined build-up.

After 40 minutes, Walker turned Boli on the left and allowed Boyd to strike a flat, clever cross. Byrne met it on the fringes of the area and sent a low, curling left-footed drive into the corner of the net. The parity was an anomaly, given the previous nature of the game, but Rangers forced the score to conform to reality once more two minutes later.

Laudrup's pass set Robertson overlapping on the left and, when he centred, Hateley's run, timed with finesse, allowed him to reach the ball first and drive insistently into the net. Celtic bristled in the second half, but Rangers were content to sit deep and counter-attack.

For all that, a curious header by Walker, from 14 yards, might have brought another equaliser as it

looped and glanced against the bar. In 66 minutes, though, Rangers exploited Celtic's need to funnel men forward. Wishart's free-kick was headed on by Hateley to put Laudrup clear. Although cramp was developing in the Dane's leg, he still managed to round Marshall and score.

There could certainly have been further goals for Rangers. Despite bookings for Hateley, McLaren and Robertson, of the Ibrox side, it was still a placid match. Now that Celtic have their place in the Coca-Cola Cup final, absolute desperation no longer besets them. Nobody had supposed, in any case, that they possess the depth of squad for a serious league title challenge. Two points clear of Hibernian and six of their Glasgow rivals, that may well remain the Rangers prerogative.

CELTIC (4-4-2): G. Marshall — B. Smith (sub: W. Falkner, 45min), M. McNally, B. O'Neill, T. Boyd — P. Byrne (sub: C. Nicholas, 50min), P. McClellan, P. O'Donnell, J. Doherty — S. Doherty, A. Walker.
RANGERS (4-4-1-1): A. Gorm — F. Wishart, B. Boli, A. McLaren, D. Robertson — N. Murray, S. McClair, M. Burns (sub: D. Hagan, 87), P. Hagan (sub: A. McCourt, 89) — B. Laudrup, M. Hickey.
Referee: W. Crockett.

Bull maintains Wanderers' charge

Stoke City.....1
Wolverhampton W.....1

By PETER BALL

WOLVERHAMPTON Wanderers moved a point clear at the top of the Endleigh Insurance League first division yesterday. Steve Bull's seventh goal of the season earned them a draw in a match full of passion, if short of the game's finer qualities.

Wolverhampton have not beaten Stoke for 13 years and, for a time yesterday, it looked as though they were in line for another defeat. By the end, though, they had just about deserved their point. Their greater strength and durability enabled them to shade the second half after they had been second best for most of the first period.

Stoke never quite matched their performance against Liverpool at Anfield in the Coca-Cola Cup on Tuesday, but they still looked the better footballing side. The goal that gave them the lead after 17

minutes was the best moment in the match. Beeston's precise pass finding Keen, who had stolen through to roll the ball past Stowell and celebrate his first appearance at the Victoria Ground with a goal against his former club.

That goal could not have come at a better time, for the game had been threatening to become overheated in the previous ten minutes while the tackles flew in with increasing ferocity. The goal



Bull: seventh goal

settled things and, for the rest of the half, Stoke began to move with something approaching smoothness.

Peschisolidi nearly added a second just after the interval, but by then Wolverhampton had drawn level. They do not change. In looks, if not in ability, the big, blond central defenders and the big, blond midfield players would not have looked out of place in the days of Ron Flowers. The approach is the same, too, although this side does not have a Peter Broadbent to add a touch of class to its muscular virtues.

They do, however, have a centre forward who would have got into any of Stan Cullis's teams. If there is a good reason for hoping that Wolverhampton go up, it is to see Steve Bull's loyalty repaid with the chance to perform at the level he deserves.

Bull had only one real chance yesterday, but it was enough. Thomas flicked on Thompson's throw and Bull pounced with all his familiar power, holding off his defend-

er and chesting the ball forward to beat Muggleton with a fierce volley.

Gradually, Wolverhampton became more assertive. Emblen and Thomas had taken over in midfield and Walters at last began to fly down the wing with conviction. Nevertheless, for all their pressure, they failed to create any clear-cut chances as the imposing Overson and Cranston held firm in the centre of the Stoke defence.

Indeed, in the end, Stoke nearly stole victory as Keen re-emerged from a quiet spell to meet Gleghorn's cross with a superb glancing header that beat Stowell but flew out after striking the post. That, surely, would have been carrying the law that players always score against their old clubs to excess.

STOKES CITY (4-4-2): C. Muggleton — J. Butler, V. Overson, J. Gleghorn, L. Sandford — K. Keen, C. Beeston, T. O'Connell, N. Gleghorn — M. Cranston, P. Peschisolidi (sub: W. Baggins, 75min).
WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS (4-4-2): M. Stowell — J. Smith (sub: P. Stowell, 88), P. Beales, M. Venn, A. Thompson — M. Walters, N. Emblen (sub: D. Ferguson, 89), G. Thomas, S. Froggatt — S. Bull, D. Kelly.
Referee: J. Hinchcock.

England scale new peak

England.....2
Iceland.....1
(England win 4-2 on agg)

By ALYSON RUDD

ENGLAND qualified for the women's football World Cup for the first time yesterday with a victory over Iceland in the European championship at Brighton that also saw them through to the semi-final stage of that tournament. Their victory on the day gave them a 4-2 success on aggregate.

England took the lead after 14 minutes. Coulthard, the captain, impatiently placed the ball after a free kick had been awarded and, from 30 yards, beat Palsdotir. Those who claim women cannot kick a ball far should take note.

It was a lead England deserved and they should have capitalised further on Iceland's clumsy start. In the opening minutes, Spacy easily dispossessed Jonstodir on the edge of the Iceland penalty area, but, instead of waiting for support, chose to shoot and

placed the ball wide. For 20 minutes, it seemed that England would win comfortably because of Iceland's defensive folly rather than their own endeavour, but the visitors eventually found their feet. Faerstedt released Gunnlaugsdottir, playing her last game at 33 before retiring, with a beautifully-weighted pass and she beat Shipp with a low shot for the equaliser.

However, England had more chances overall and took the lead again when Spacy ran on to Davis's pass in the 65th minute. The final 15 minutes became an ordeal for both sides as the match grew increasingly physical. Saemundsdottir was booked for pulling back Coulthard, in the 84th minute.

Ted Copeland, the England manager, said of his captain's dashing performance: "She is probably the best example a young girl can see."

Nevertheless, Copeland knows his team will have to improve to reach the final: "We've got to learn when to kill a game off," he said. "I

think we struggled as the game wore on."

However, credit must be given to Iceland, who travelled to the Goldstone Ground trailing 2-1 after the first leg in Reykjavik and fearful of what England could achieve on home territory. Indeed, Logi Olafsson, the Iceland manager, said afterwards: "I think we were the better side today."

England will need to iron out the tendency to fall away in the later stages before they face Germany in the last four in December. It was Germany who beat them 6-1 on aggregate in the semi-finals of the European championship four years ago.

ENGLAND (4-4-2): S. Shipp (Wendieby — K. Coulthard (Arsenal), D. Smith (Oxford), S. Williams (Arsenal), sub: L. Walker, M. Westwood, T. Davis, C. Taylor, Liverpool — G. Coulthard (Doncaster Rovers), M. Spacy (Arsenal), D. Bampton (Oxford), K. Davis (Liverpool), sub: K. Barker, 89 — K. Walker (Doncaster Rovers), J. Murray (Liverpool).
ICELAND (1-3-6-1): S. Palsdotir (KR) — G. Saemundsdottir (Nes) — G. Jonstodir (KR), V. Sturlaugsdottir (Breiðablik) — A. Skutladottir (Framing), sub: H. Hannardottir (Breiðablik), 50 — R. Steinarsson (Stjarnan), M. Olafsdottir (Breiðablik), A. Gunnlaugsdottir (Breiðablik), A. Helgadóttir (KR), G. Kristjansdottir (KR) — O. Faerstedt (Breiðablik), sub: K. Arnardóttir, 80.
Referee: R. Harlin.

Becker serves up perfection

By OUR SPORTS STAFF

BORIS Becker beat Goran Ivanisevic in a four-set serve-and-volley duel yesterday to win the Stockholm Open for the fourth time — a feat equalled only by John McEnroe.

His 4-6, 6-4, 6-3, 7-6 triumph on the Globe Arena's fast carpet capped a brilliant week during which he beat the three leading players in the world, rankings in Ivanisevic (No 2), Pete Sampras (No 1) in the semi-finals and, in the quarter-finals, his fellow German, Michael Stich.

Becker, who also won the event in 1988, 1990 and 1991, said: "I can't remember playing as good tennis three days in a row against the best players in the world." He did not lose a set en route to the final.

"It must be something in the air in Stockholm that makes me play great," Becker said. It

is also about the fast surface, of course, which suits Becker's aggressive serve-and-volley style to perfection. He fired 20 aces past Ivanisevic.

A former world No 1 ranked No 6 before this tournament, Becker collected about £50,000 for his fourth singles title of the year on the Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP) tour. He also received 235 tour points and now is virtually assured of a place in the ATP world championship in Frankfurt next month.

Yannick Noah has regained the captaincy of France's Davis Cup team, the president of the French tennis federation, announced yesterday. Noah, 34, replaces George Goven, who succeeded him in 1992. Noah, the 1983 French Open champion, led France to the Davis Cup title in Lyons in 1991.

Jana Novotna won her third

title in five weeks when she beat Iva Majoli, of Croatia, in the Essen international tournament yesterday. Novotna, 26, from the Czech Republic, who beat Majoli 6-2, 6-4, added this success to her titles at Leipzig and Brighton, and collected about £50,000.

Majoli, a protégé of the Nick Bollettieri academy in Florida, which produced, among others, Monica Seles, Sampras, Jim Courier and Andre Agassi, had reached her third career final, but she was outclassed against the serve-and-volley strength of Novotna.

Novotna hardly made a mistake in the first set. She kept up the pressure by breaking serve to lead 5-4 in the second set and claimed the championship on her second match point.

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Hall-Craggs strays from title course

GUY Pooley, of Leander, the Eton schoolmaster, continued his run of autumn sculling successes with a good win against some top-class opponents at Marlow on Saturday (Mike Rosewell writes).

Wade Hall-Craggs, of Tideway Scullers, the Great Britain 1992 Olympic sculler, saw his chances of a successful defence of the Marlow title evaporate when his steering let him down soon after the start and he hit the bank. He eventually finished fifth of the 180 competitors.

Pooley's closest rival was Simon Goodbrand, of Rob Roy, the 13½-stone junior who is a member of the British junior quadruple scull, which won a bronze medal in Munich in August and is a good prospect. Ben Helm and Ian Watson, members of the London RC lightweight four, which had a magnificent season before a

disappointing result at the world championships in Indianapolis, finished third and fourth, spearheading a London entry that gave them the team prize.

Sue Appleboom, of Mortlake Anglians, the national champion in the open and lightweight classes, successfully defended the women's title.

RESULTS: Division winners: Men: Open: G. Pooley (Leander) 19min 02sec. Senior 1: B. Helm (London) 19:28. Senior 2: J. Watson (London) 19:50. Senior 3: S. Goodbrand (Marlow) 19:51. Junior: S. Goodbrand (Rob Roy) 19:10. Novices: M. Inley (Star and Arrow) 19:46. Veterans: B. C. Harrison (Lansbury) 20:23. Veteran 2: W. Almond (Quintley) 19:53. Veteran 3: T. Lincoln (Marlow) 20:57. Veteran 4: J. Phipps (Marlow) 20:58. Veteran 5: S. Rand (Upper Thames) 22:08. Veteran 6: R. Wilson (Marlow) 22:47. Junior 15: N. Barron (Marlow) 21:21. Junior 14: T. Johnson (Rob Roy) 22:53. Women: Open: S. Appleboom (Mortlake Anglians) 28:18. Junior 15: V. Richardson (Marlow) 28:35. Junior 14: B. Wilson (Marlow) 28:00.

Osborn goal boosts Reading

By SYDNEY FRISKIN

READING battled in persistent rain to beat Indian Gymkhana 2-1 at Sonning Lane yesterday and move into fourth position in the National Hockey League, where they will remain until the first division is resumed in January next year.

Pablo Villar, a Spanish student from Reading University, put Reading ahead from a long corner in the eleventh minute. The ball was hit back to him from the line and he promptly dispatched it into the net.

Eight minutes later, Gymkhana conceded a penalty stroke, but Osborn did not quite get hold of it and Myers, in goal, made an easy save. Reading were under siege early in the second half and Kulbir Bhaura scored a fine goal with a scoop into the net in the 43rd minute from a combined attack.

Gymkhana's joy, however, was short-lived. Osborn restored Reading's lead a minute later from a short corner with a shot that appeared to be going wide until the ball was deflected by a defender.

Gymkhana put more fire into their play as therein subsided, but failed to take advantage of two short corners. Their frustrations grew on being reduced to ten men on three occasions with the temporary suspension of Bhajan Flora, Kinde Hanspal and Sarbjit Kuller.

Surbiton had no problem staying at the top of the table after a goalless draw with Canterbury in another rain-affected match at Sugden Road, where Surbiton forced four short corners and conceded three. The remaining first division match, between Trojans and Guildford was postponed because the pitch at Stoneham Lane, Epsleigh, was waterlogged. Barford Tigers took over the leadership of the second division with a 1-0 victory over Bromley. Des Betts scored the only goal of the match in the 65th minute.

Sheffield and Doncaster each lost their unbeaten record in a 1-1 draw. Stamp scored for Doncaster in the fifteenth minute and Ward for Sheffield seven minutes later. St Albans scored the day's biggest win, defeating Richmond 5-1 at Clarence Park. Deeks, Ginn, Cogdell, Day and Halliday scored for St Albans.

Hampstead and Westminster drew 1-1 with Neston. Both goals were obtained from short corners. Crawley scored for Hampstead and Berwick for Neston.

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Ekoku's strike inevitable in dour encounter

Wimbledon.....1
Norwich City.....0

By PAT GIBSON

THERE are few things more dangerous than a footballer playing against his old club. Efan Ekoku, the Nigeria striker, provided the latest example of that yesterday when he had the satisfaction of scoring the goal which beat Norwich City only weeks after they had sold him to Wimbledon for £800,000.

Ekoku provided a rare moment of inspiration in a match that was almost as depressing as the relentless rain and must have left most of the 8,242 spectators wondering why they had bothered to turn out on such a filthy afternoon.

In an attempt to break a sequence of five consecutive defeats by Wimbledon, Norwich modified their normal style by leaving out Crook, their most creative player, and opting to play with five men at the back, including Bowen as a sweeper. It worked well enough in the first half as Wimbledon were limited to no more than the odd half chance, while Norwich were breaking out to make three good openings of their own.

All fell to Akinbiyi, all were squandered and Norwich were to regret those misses when an injury to Ullathorne after 40 minutes forced them to reorganise. Ullathorne was carried off after colliding with one of his colleagues, leaving Bowen to revert to his more

normal position, with Crook taking over in the middle.

Norwich were never quite as secure again, although Bowen, the Wales international, who is playing the best football of his career, did get forward to test Segers with two raking left-foot shots. One was scrambled around the post and the other parried and cleared to safety.

Wimbledon, however, were beginning to make their strength tell and they broke through in the 66th minute. Clarke, who had taken over from the ineffective Gayle, knocked Blissett's back header to Ekoku and he showed a tremendous turn of speed to skip past Sutch and Polston before touching the ball past Gunn as he came out.

Norwich had no alternative but to revert to a more familiar style, but it was too late to change the course of the game that had already been dictated by their earlier tactics.

These sides have earned contrasting reputations since being promoted from the second division together in 1986, but there was not much to choose between them in this scrappy affair which brought cautions for Milligan, Goss and Barton.

John Deehan, the Norwich manager, was unapologetic: "I didn't think we deserved to lose," he said. "We had enough possession to get something out of the game and if we keep on showing the same amount of effort, passion and commitment away from home, we will get a few results."

WIMBLEDON (4-4-2): H. Segers — R. Joseph, A. Thom, A. Reeves, G. Ekans — W. Barton, S. Talbot, V. Jones, M. Gayle (sub: A. Carter, 45min) — E. Ekoku, G. Blissett.
NORWICH CITY (5-2-1-2): B. Gunn — D. Sutch, J. Polston, M. Bowen, S. Flux, R. Ullathorne (sub: D. Crook, 38) — M. Milligan, J. Goss — M. Sherrin — R. Newman, A. Akinbiyi (sub: N. Adams, 80).
Referee: D. Gallagher.

Bold Newcastle melt as Ince stokes Old Trafford inferno



Gillespie: courageous

Kevin Keegan, the Newcastle United manager, felt "morally obliged" to go to Old Trafford and attack. Moral obligation, and the Four-man Midfield, a philosophical tract that gave us a better of a match. Manchester United won it 2-0, completing the game with the sort of triumphalist football they have not produced in the Premiership since the trees were in bud.

Newcastle must now cope with the concept of fallibility. Beaten for the first time this season, they must come to terms with all kinds of new realities. There is a dreadful way in which previous effortless success becomes a huge weight: a responsibility, almost an embarrassment.

There are some players who have an importance to the team that goes far beyond their mere abilities. They have talismanic as well as footballing virtues. Their very presence engenders a feeling

of well-being, of something like invulnerability. But their absence has the opposite effect. Another philosophical treatise: *Extreme Talent and Consequent Vulnerability*. Keegan did not bring this one into the dialogue on Saturday. He is too much of a sportsman and too tender of his team's morale to say that, without Cole, his team lacked self-belief. They were very good indeed, but they never felt invulnerable.

All the same, they refused to pack midfield, refused to sit back and think about damage limitation and the threat of the odd goal on the break. They played one-touch, aggressive football. Throughout much of the game, it felt that the match, perhaps the championship, perhaps even one or two careers, could turn on a single touch.

It was a high stakes occasion all right, not a slugging match but a knife fight in which an error is



Simon Barnes sees graft eclipse craft as Manchester United trump Keegan's attacking gambit in an absorbing 2-0 win

deadly but timidity is still more dangerous. First blood to Manchester, though it did not finish Newcastle off. A simple, rather unworthy goal: a free kick about five yards from the angle of the penalty box, a perfectly struck late away-swing from Giggs, the Newcastle defence left groping outside the off-stump and Falister pocketing the chance.

But this was too good a game to be decided by a centre back's header. Newcastle, pursuing their moral obligations without pause, might have levelled through Sellar. But Sellar is not Cole.

Manchester United had no great names missing, but none rose to the heights of individual

brilliance associated with their football of the first three-quarters of last season. Instead, they offered us muted Cantona, workmanlike Hughes, angst-ridden Giggs. Inspiration was more a corporate thing. But the fact is that very few consistently great teams depend on a single talismanic figure. Teams that win and win again over a long period take advantage of key men and injuries as part of the routine of victory.

If Manchester United have a talisman, it is Ince the battler, the ball-winner and prompter. How unsettling it must be to play against him, to know that any small error, any infinitesimal clumsiness, and there is Ince in at

you, flat on his back, foot slashing at what is — momentarily — a loose ball. He has acquired the art of playing on the cusp of temper. He exploits his passion, seldom lets it exploit him these days. If you were picking the team you least wish to play against, his would be the first name on the sheet.

Poor Giggs, who still looks a tired boy after his too-brief rest, was substituted, and it was Gillespie, his replacement, who made victory certain. Gillespie on the run looks rather like Giggs, but his goal had the hallmark of Kanchelskis, the man on the opposite flank. He cut in, to exploit hesitation in the Newcastle defence. All men expected a cross, but Gillespie, a boy of 19, had the courage to shoot. He struck his angled drive to perfection.

And so to a rousing finale, in which the pace, impossibly, increased and continued to increase, until the game had reached a pitch

of perfect frenzy. Manchester might have had a handful more. Newcastle, still committed to their manager's moral world-view, might even have pulled one back.

Newcastle did not back down. It was courageous, it was also a very severe mauling and one wonders if they will be quite the same again. By the end, Manchester United were showcasing all around them, intent on inflicting psychological scars. Just how severe an effect it will have on Newcastle, and how inspiring it will be to Manchester, we will have to wait and see. But at the top of the Premiership, they are bunching nicely. A better of a match: it continues to be a better of a season.

MANCHESTER UNITED (4-4-2): P. Schmeichel — R. Keegan, G. Pallister, S. Bruce, D. Ryan, A. Kanchelskis, B. McGuffee, P. Ince, R. Giggs, Paul R. Gillespie, 68 mins — E. Cantona, M. Hughes. NEWCASTLE UNITED (4-4-2): P. Schmeichel — M. Hoggard (sub), A. Mather, 75, D. Pisco, S. Howey, J. Burslow — P. Albert — S. Vialzon, L. Lee, S. Sellar — R. For (sub), L. Clark, 75, P. Beardsley. Referee: J. Worrall.

Blackburn maintain championship challenge as Sutton's goals decide illuminating contest

Rovers deny Roy tangible reward for starring role

WHO would have predicted, a couple of years ago, when the entertainment value of so much of English league football was discouragingly low, that there would be a season of such flourishing appeal as this is? I have yet to see a dull match, and Nottingham Forest's significant defeat by Blackburn Rovers at the City Ground on Saturday was illuminating from start to finish.

Forest, to a degree, have the same kind of problem as Tottenham Hotspur, though at the other end of the table. Frank Clark, their manager, has to calculate how far his team can afford to play the free, open game that takes the mind back to Billy Walker's FA Cup-winning team of 1959 and John Carey's side that might have done the double in 1967.

Although hard, functional, efficient Blackburn ended Forest's unbeaten run of 24 matches, it must be hoped that Forest, for the good of the game and the delight of their own supporters, will neither alter nor falter. They do not have Tottenham's defensive frailty and the way that Bohinen, Woon and Phillips hit sharp, low passes straight to the feet of Roy and Lee — deputising for the injured Collymore — around the edge of or inside Blackburn's penalty area bore the hallmark of the best of Brazil or Italy... or Holland.

The Dutchman, Roy, with his mercurial runs and the balance of a squirrel, which might have brought him two or three goals, was the man of the match, never mind that Sutton was the match-winner, his two goals bringing his tally to 14, with 11 in the league, for

David Miller sees a 2-0 defeat bring to an end the 24-match unbeaten run of Nottingham Forest

Blackburn. Sutton and Roy provide a paradox of football's requirements: one a gangling, unathletic figure with an exceptional sixth sense of where the goal is, whichever way he is facing; the other an elegant, almost poetic wraith who thrills the crowd, whatever their allegiance.

The most dazzling moment of the afternoon belonged to Roy. Twenty minutes into the second half, he set off diagonally down Forest's right flank. Hendry, the blond, angular exterminator, and Le

Blackburn, though lacking subtlety and charm, are an imposing force

Saux, the ferret of a full back, converged on him. Roy spun, twisted, accelerated, and left them groping. Turning back inside, he let fly a rasping, rising shot, but Flowers, who had looked as secure as the Bastille throughout, held the shot without a bat of an eye, perfectly positioned.

Flowers is just one of the reasons why Blackburn, lying fourth, three points behind Forest and five behind Newcastle United, must remain serious candidates for the league title that proved beyond them last season. They

may be disappointingly short of flair in midfield, and vulnerable to foreign players, but their method has that remorseless, repetitive efficiency that distinguished Leeds United in the Seventies and Liverpool in the Eighties.

The middle line is like a row of Australian sheep shearers: the opposition is stripped of the ball without knowing it has happened. The "pressing" of the opponent in possession is intense. Blackburn often getting 11 men behind the ball within seconds of losing it, while the percentage of 50-60 balls that they win is alarming for any rival manager.

Ripley and Wilcox cross the ball from wide... and Shearer and Sutton do the rest. Shearer may never be a Romario — not with feet pointing at ten-to-two — and perhaps not even a long-term England centre forward, but he menacingly scares the wits out of club defenders.

Thus the Blackburn ensemble, though lacking charm and the subtleties, say, of Manchester United, Liverpool, Manchester City or even Tottenham, is an imposing force within the English context, so long as Hendry is not exposed on the ground.

Even with Warhurst detailed to shadow him, Roy came close to doing just that: particularly in the 25 minutes of the second half, during which Forest attacked incessantly. Then Sutton snatched his second goal and it was all over.



Roy, the Nottingham Forest striker, takes on Warhurst, left, Berg and Hendry during his side's defeat at the City Ground on Saturday

Or was it? A game lasts 90 minutes. It is by no means uncommon for a team to score near the end, nor sometimes twice in a minute, though that admittedly seldom happens in the last five minutes. It was thought unreasonable by some, not least Kenny Dalglish, the Blackburn manager, that Wilcox should have been sent off moments from the end for a second bookable offence. In this instance time-wasting by throwing the ball away.

Paul Danson, of Leicester, was not the best of referees — he missed several handling offences — but the laws are the laws, cheating is cheating.

Why should Forest be denied full use of the last three minutes to save the match? With a previous booking, Wilcox was not, therefore, incorrectly sent off. He will, no doubt, think twice the next time. Too many people in the game have for too long become slack-minded about playing the game legally.

Time-wasting is no less illegal, in its bearing on the result, than tripping a player. Legitimate time-wasting is another matter: I recall Jimmy McIlroy spending what seemed like four of the last five minutes dribbling in figures of eight by the Manchester City corner flag the night Burnley

robbed Wolverhampton Wanderers of their third successive title in 1960.

The game was only seven minutes old when Sutton stunned the Forest crowd into silence with his opening salvo. Taking a short pass from Wilcox, he turned a few yards outside the penalty area and his initial low shot, taking a deflection, flew beyond Crossley's reach.

Forest's response was to attack from then until half-time. Blackburn were restricted to some speculative crosses by Ripley and Roy was headed down to equalise when Lee headed down to his feet, close in, on the stroke of half-time.

Forest's Canadian beer sponsor has an advertisement on the back of the programme showing a Mounties outfit, without a revolver in the holster. The team was equally without bullets. Lee doing his best in vain as deputy for Collymore, and there was a strange kind of inevitability about Sutton's second, calmly taken as Shearer misfired a corner from Ripley.

Yet despite Blackburn's credentials, Roy remains convinced that they will not take the FA Carling Premiership laurels: "Blackburn have got a good squad," Roy said. "They didn't play well on Saturday, but scored two and that's their

strength. But, with a little bit of luck, we could have had three or four. We were unlucky as a team and I felt I was unlucky myself because I created a lot of opportunities.

"Even though we were beaten by Blackburn and we've played Manchester United, there's still no doubt in my mind that Liverpool are the best team in the league. It's because of the way they play," Roy said.

NOTTINGHAM FOREST (4-4-2): M. Crossley — G. O'Brien, S. Cooper, S. Christie, S. Pearce — S. Stone, D. Phillips, L. Bohinen, I. Woon (sub, K. Black, 74 mins) — J. Lee, B. Roy. BLACKBURN ROVERS (4-4-2): Flowers — H. Berg, P. Warhurst, C. Hendry, G. Lee, S. Sutton — S. Ripley, M. Adams, T. Sherwood, J. Wilcox. Referee: P. Danson.

Luck fans Leeds' hopes

Southampton 1
Leeds United 3

Mick Weiss

IT IS simple, it is not, to take an educated guess as to who is going to be scrapping for the FA Carling Premiership title come the end of the season. Nottingham Forest, Newcastle, Manchester United, Blackburn, they roll off the tongue with ease. But Leeds United? Surely some mistake.

Not so, apparently. Who says? Well, Alan Ball for one — but, since his side had just lost three in on Saturday, the Southampton manager could almost have been forgiven for talking up the opposition. Almost, but not quite.

"I knew before they came here that they're a difficult side to 'beat'," Ball said. "They're wolves in sheep's clothing. They're physically daunting and awfully difficult to break down. They could be in with a chance."

Howard Wilkinson all but agreed, but as he sat, shirt collar opened and gold chain twinkling, he was, frankly, less than totally convincing — like his team had been in the match that had just finished.

The first thing Wilkinson did when he came into the room was to plunder the bar and pour himself a ginger ale. The second thing he did was to borrow somebody's programme, with which he proceeded to fan himself while he talked about his team's performance. It was difficult to see what had made him so warm

unless it was the heat of embarrassment at such a flattering victory.

True, Leeds scored three times, but the facts behind the scoreline give a more revealing analysis of their most fruitful away performance of the season — one good goal, one own goal, one wicked deflection. If it is true that all champions need a measure of luck, then Leeds, on the admittedly flimsy evidence of one game, have got it made.

"It was not a lot different from every other weekend this season," Wilkinson said. "We think we've been playing well. I don't agree with what has been said and written about some of our performances this season. It's not the perfect mances that have been had, just the results." Yes, but Howard... Oh don't bother.

What Wilkinson could have pointed out with more justification was that his side never stopped working and to nobody did that apply more than



Wallace industry

Rodney Wallace, who showed his old club what they had allowed to let go when they sold him for £1.6 million in 1991. His contribution went far deeper than the two goals he scored.

"I hope he's a better player now than when he was here," Wilkinson said. "He's only 24 and yet he's had seven years' experience at the highest level. That's a lot of football and if he hasn't learnt something in the last three years, I haven't been doing my job." Wallace has learnt, all right, and he proved it as he tormented Southampton with his skill and industry.

Southampton scored on the stroke of half-time when Le Tissier's free kick from the right was met with perfect timing on the far post by the youthful Maddison. That, as far as the home team went, was just about it, with the heroic Worthington dogging Le Tissier's every footstep and quelling the home side's most potent attacking force.

Maddison's involuntary own goal after pressure from Deane and two Wallace goals in the last seven minutes, one of them hitting a Southampton leg, wrapped things up. It was a good enough performance from Leeds, a victory they just about deserved.

But title contenders? Pull the other one.

SOUTHAMPTON (4-4-2): R. Gribben — J. Venn, B. Hall, K. Moore, S. Charlton (subs: P. Barnes, 70 mins — R. Ebdon, J. Houghton, N. Hendry, 85, P. Allen, M. Nicholson, M. L. Taylor, J. Dooly).

LEEDS UNITED (4-4-2): J. Liddle — G. Kelly, D. Whelan, N. Worthington, C. Palmer — J. Whitham, G. McWhirter, S. Speed, A. Dorr (subs: I. Rodwell, 61, B. Deane, N. Whelan). Referee: A. Galloway.

Neal's roadblocks snap supply line

Coventry 1
Manchester City 0

By IVO TENNANT

BEFORE becoming a manager, Phil Neal's trade was stymieing tricky wingers. Given that he had a lengthy career at full back for Liverpool and England, it was one he evidently perfected and could utilise when the time came to cope with them from his seat on the touchline. As was the case on Saturday.

Nobody who followed football in even a minor way could have avoided hearing how many crosses the two Manchester City wingers had whipped across a feeble Tottenham defence the previous Saturday and how the pitch at Maine Road had been widened to help enable them to do so.

Here was a team that would be a far different proposition from the Manchester City that Coventry beat 4-0 last season. The wingers had to be nullified. "We knew we were coming up against a free-scoring team," Neal said, although he strayed from coaching manual into Colemanisms when he added that the public wanted to see such "free-loading football".

Neal ensured that there were all too few opportunities for Summerbee and Beagrie, alert to all possibilities though they were. His de-

leaders gave them no scope to create openings, no room to dance down the wings and no space to deliver considered crosses. Not one, not two, but often three Coventry defenders were on each of them every time they tried anything extravagant.

Walsh was harder to subdue, for he has such a range of options. A little more selfishness, a few more goals and he would be an England player again, but although he created one excellent chance that Quinn will rue missing all season, he too achieved nothing substantial.

Ndlovu, short of match fitness but one of all too few forwards who thought about discomfiting the goalkeepers with long-range shots on this slippery surface, created Coventry's winning goal.

This came five minutes from the end and, as Neal himself admitted, was deserved only in that Coventry had prevented City from scoring. Ndlovu feigned to go inside, then took the ball outside his marker and delivered the kind of fast, low cross that defenders dread.

Dublin claimed the goal, as strikers will. Vokk blamed himself. But Coventry's largest crowd of the season was past caring.

COVENTRY (4-3-3): S. Ogricovic, B. Borer, D. Barnes, D. Bunn, A. Pickering, S. Flynn, J. Darby, P. Cook, P. Ndlovu, D. Dublin, R. Wagon.

MANCHESTER CITY (4-2-4): S. Tracey, A. Hall, M. York, I. Brightwell, I. Preston, S. Jones, G. Pritchard, N. Summerbee, P. Walsh, N. Quinn, P. Beagrie. Referee: M. Bodenham.

Evans feels short-changed

Ipswich Town 1
Liverpool 3

By STUART JONES

IF ANYTHING, Roy Evans erred on the low side. The Liverpool manager estimated his side could have won by five or six clear goals at Portman Road even though, by his own admission, they were poor at the start and poorer at the end.

Liverpool still have some way to go if they are to match the standard of consistency set before Graeme Souness dismantled a tradition and the policies forged in the boot-room. Ipswich Town have much further to go if they are to stay in the same league as their vastly superior opponents.

"If they do go down," Evans suggested, "they will go down playing football." A less generous and diplomatic assessor might have added the phrase "inadequately and inefficiently". Bereft of belief, as well as being sorely depleted on Saturday, they are incapable of protecting themselves.

Pointless in ten of their last 11 fixtures, including all six since they beat Manchester United a month ago, they have no reliable weapon, either. Their leading scorer, who was missing but expected to be available to play against Leeds United tomorrow, is a 37-year-old defender, Wark.

Their spearhead was formed by Paz, a Uruguayan, and Guentchev, a Bulgarian. They did not appear to be speaking the same language

until the cause was lost. By the hour, Liverpool, never needing to be at full stretch, were coasting on a three-goal lead.

To compound Ipswich's deficiencies, which ran from back to front, they were loose in the middle. Liverpool were permitted so much room that they over-indulged, as if a move had to be of at least a dozen passes to be considered authentic.

Evans was justifiably displeased that his side made comparatively little of their freedom. "Against a better team, we would have been punished," the manager said. Paz, in claiming his first goal in England, was allowed to close the deficit and, had Stockwell converted a similar opening, Liverpool's prospective victory would, ludicrously, have been endangered.

It had been built, after Jones had threatened to uproot a post, initially by Barnes. Resurgent in his more central role and leaner, too, he scarce-



Barnes: resurgent

ly put a foot wrong, not even his less accurate right, which he used to put Liverpool ahead with a distant, dipping drive.

Fowler, on the verge of signing a four-year contract, extended the lead twice in three minutes. His first assistant was McManaman, whose game seems based on the promise that he must run for 30 yards before considering any options. For once, the predictable play worked.

Weaving his way past five opponents, he was thwarted by Forrester. So was Rush before the youngster applied a simple finishing touch. Fowler was then presented with an equally clear invitation by Bjornbye with a pass of rare enterprise, albeit with the precision characteristic of the whole team.

With the top two clubs yielding their unbeaten records, Liverpool are, with a game in hand, in range of third place. Their prominence is a reflection as much of the weakness of the competition as of their own renewed strength, as Wark indicated.

As a player with a foot in both camps, he was asked how the present side compares with the past. The answer was emphatic. "They are getting close," he said, "but, no, they are not as good." Nor, by implication, is the gap likely to be closed.

IPSWICH TOWN (4-4-2): C. Forrester — M. Stockwell, E. Younis, S. Sedgley, I. Vaughan — C. Thomson, G. Williams, S. Palmer (subs: D. Lingham, 76 mins), G. Johnson — A. Paz, B. Guentchev. LIVERPOOL (4-4-3): D. James — J. Stokes, N. Ruddock, P. Babb, J. Redmond, J. Barnes, S. I. Roberts — S. McManaman, R. Fowler, I. Rush. Referee: P. Dutton.

Embattled managers survive another day of reckoning as pressure mounts in the Premiership

Everton run out of luck as Walker stands firm



Rob Hughes sees the Goodison Park faithful draw renewed hope from their match against Arsenal

Even the Goodison Park street evangelist knows the score. This man, carrying a banner which beseeches the crowd to remember Lazarus and life after death, asked the faithful, the remarkable 32,003 trudging past him before this match on Saturday: "Is he beyond redemption?"

And inside, after the merited 1-1 draw that could not lift Everton from their marooned station, winless at the foot of the FA Carling Premiership, the manager, Mike Walker, could not have known how close he and the evangelist stand on the matter of faith. "It's not doom and gloom at this club," Walker said defiantly. "We may have one foot in the grave, but that is as far as it's going to go. Thirty-two thousand out there are willing us to win. We have to turn the corner sooner or later."

Have to? That corner, so far as the first win of a season already a quarter through, may well come tomorrow night, unless West Ham United are as stubborn and as well-organised a team as Arsenal were. Yet a win may merely be a drop in the ocean and the tide may still be inexorable, taking Everton where they have not been in 40 years — down a division.

Even the portents outside have two possible connotations, for there are two Lazaruses in the Bible. The first was resurrected by Jesus, the second happened to be a diseased beggar in the parable



Walker: defiant

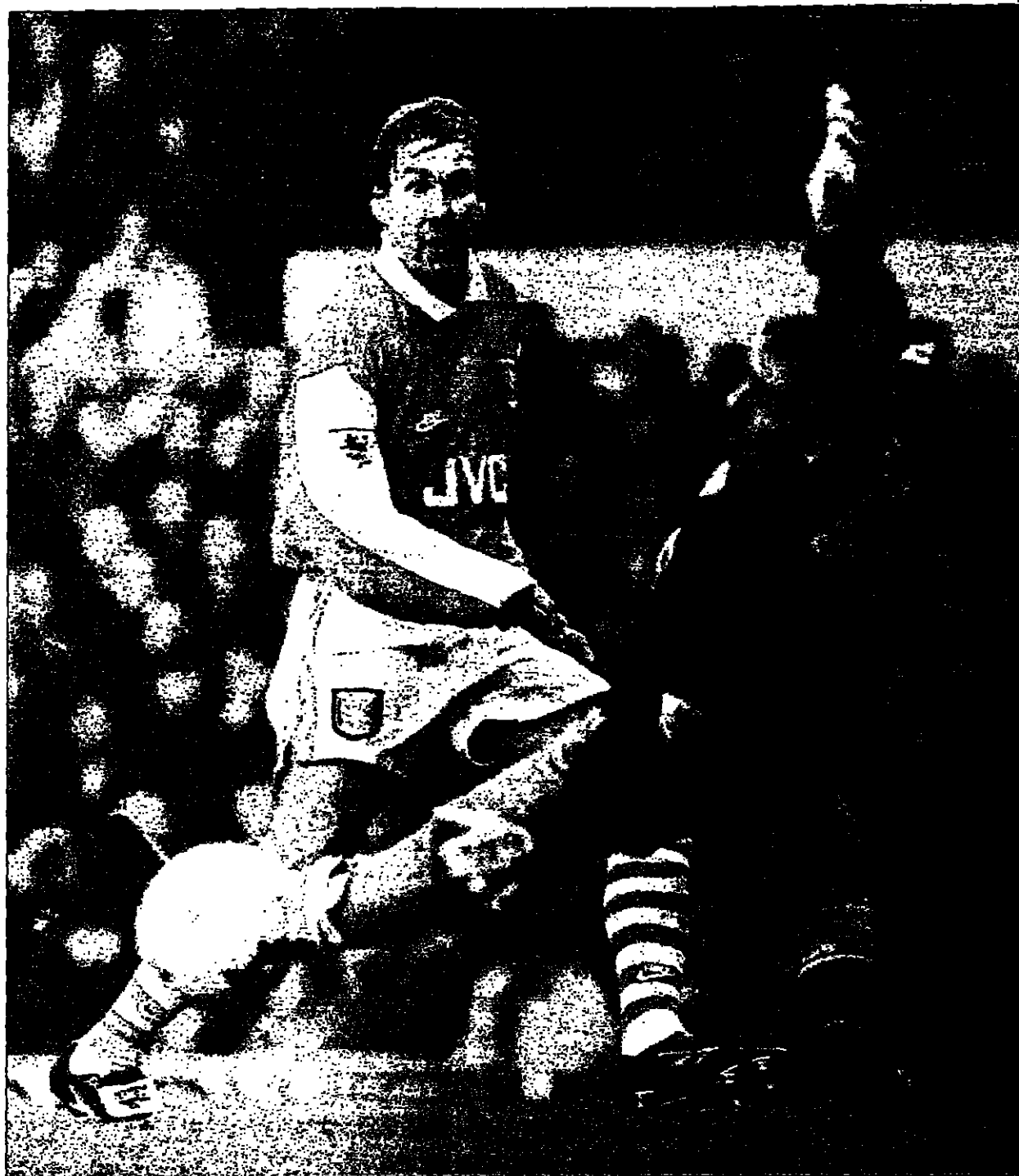
of the rich man and the beggar. How ironic. It was Everton, when they were flush on the riches of the Moores family, who were leading evangelists for the breakaway Premier League. It was Everton who poached another club's manager, Walker, at the beginning of this year, and now it is Everton suffering all the ramifications of a season in which four clubs will drop from the bottom of the elite barrel.

Yet there are people who do not deserve that. The Everton followers are supporters in extremis. Their religion is enshrined in the blue shirt and on a grey, forbidding Saturday they streamed into the ground, exuding fear, but not one in my presence blamed anyone or anything for their plight.

Alas, there was no Lazarus, not even for the most part a Limerick, to lift them. What there was, in the beginning, was a defence in which Unsworth manfully strove to take organisational responsibility, a midfield borne on the surging runs of Stuart and the occasional playmaking prompts of Durrant, a forward line in which Ferguson too often failed to lend real support to the ceaseless running of Amokachi.

And at their back, a source of withering greatness, Southall seems to be surrendering to age. In only the third minute, he came for a cross from McGoldrick, missed the ball entirely and the dismay could be sensed throughout the Everton team. Yet dismay turned to a rare joy in the thirteenth minute, when Everton did two things they have not done for almost seven forlorn hours of barren football: they scored, and they enjoyed the luck of the green.

Their goal followed a yellow card for Stuart, a tackle that again nicked the ball but took the man. The free kick was scruffy, Durrant sidefooted the ball to Burrows, who was denied a shot by Campbell, but Horne then scuffed his attempt to score, the ball bobbed and bounced and fell for Unsworth to turn and score with his left foot from six yards. Even then, it struck Keown as it passed the goaline.



Merson, the Arsenal striker, beats Southall but also the far post at Goodison Park. Photograph: Ian Stewart

Three minutes later, Everton believed their corner had been turned. Parkinson had the ball in the net with a decisive rapier's thrust. It was disallowed, bewilderingly to Walker, justifiably once the television replay showed Amokachi not only clearly offside, but also interfering with the goalkeeper.

After that, Arsenal began, in their grinding, competent fashion, to dominate the rhythm. Their equaliser, after 23 minutes, was spectacular, a shot from 25 yards by Schwarz — who has the most powerful left foot in the league, according to his manager — that deceived Southall, beating that once supreme goalkeeper for pace.

Before and after half-time, Merson should have punished Everton severely, but he scooped one shot over the bar and directed another wide of the far post, with only the stranded Southall in front of him.

Of course, one man can only be the catalyst of so much pressure on a club and the effort of 11 on the pitch is the only thing that can extricate him. And Walker's words of

defiance, his last-ditch oratory, were played out in full by a team of which Unsworth admitted: "We felt there was a bit of pressure on us today and we thought we battled very, very hard."

Indeed they did, with remarkable morale for a side that must have known there was no prospect of Arsenal

That finish, however, was soured by the removal of Winterburn on a stretcher. George Graham, the Arsenal manager, was quick to say: "There are stud marks from his knee to his ankle; we were told by the officials it was quite a good tackle."

Graham was not so keen to say that the perpetrator of the

'It's not doom and gloom at this club. We may have one foot in the grave, but that is as far as it's going to go'

capitulating at Wimbledon had done on this ground last May — the final victory for Everton, the narrow escape from relegation.

The meat of the match was in a quite superb duel between Amokachi and Keown. Amokachi would run, and run and run, an international starlet whose soul reaches out to the Evertonians, a player who simply could not shrug off his limpet marker, though he drew the small satisfaction of running Keown to cramp before the finish.

tackle, Stuart, had five minutes earlier been the victim of a horribly late foul from Winterburn, studs this time into the Everton shin. Redemption, or retribution?

Before leaving the field, Walker shook the hand of every available Arsenal player, embraced his own team for its unflinching effort, turned and, quite rightly, saluted the magnificent crowd. As he entered the press room, he inadvertently struck his head against a television set suspended from the wall. "Just

another knock I've got to take," he said wryly.

Another, and another, for the previous day, on BBC Radio Merseyside, Cliff Finch, a new Everton director recently appointed as commercial manager, had laid it on the line for Walker: "We must not lose the next two games," Finch insisted. "Mike Walker knows as well as anyone that if results don't come everyone is going to be unhappy. He might just turn around and say, 'I don't think I can do it here, I've got to go.'"

When it was put to Walker that this, in effect, was an ultimatum, that there was a suggestion from within the board that he might resign, he retorted: "Who suggested that? I can tell you now I have no intention of resigning whatever. If Mr Finch thinks I am, he's wrong."

Wrong, maybe. So was Judas.

EVERTON (4-4-2): N. Southall — M. Parkinson, G. Amokachi, D. Burrows (sub: P. Burrows, 46min), D. Stuart (sub: P. Burrows, 46min), I. Durrant (sub: A. Limer, 69) — D. Amokachi, D. Ferguson. ARSENAL (4-4-2): D. Stuart — E. Amokachi, A. Keown, M. Keown, N. Winterburn (sub: S. Bailey, 88) — R. Parfitt, J. Jensen, S. Schwarz, P. Merson (sub: A. Limer, 78) — Campbell, A. Smith. Referee: K. Burge.

Smiles through the strain as Ardiles comes out fighting

Tottenham Hotspur..... 3
West Ham United..... 1

By KERRY PRICE

SO, HE lives to fight another day — or does he? Nobody, not even Osvaldo, Ardiles himself, seemed quite sure after an afternoon of huge entertainment, high drama and utter commitment on Saturday. Oh, and there was a pretty good football match too.

Was the manager of Tottenham Hotspur relieved? Most certainly. Replayed? Alan Sugar, chairman, judge and jury, was still out on that one. But, while Sugar left the ground without comment, adding to the intrigue and rumour that has enveloped White Hart Lane, Ardiles, heart on sleeve and PAs perhaps in post, stood firm under the barrage of questions. One thing was clear: victory over West Ham had been essential.

"You know, I know, everybody knows what the significance of the game was today," Ardiles conceded. "If we had lost... I knew the implications."

Ardiles is still on borrowed time. When the Chinese water torture of failure has quickened so painfully, one win is only going to stem the flow, not reverse it. Sugar, having endured the drip, drip, drip of numbing defeats and damning statistics — six home wins in the FA Carling Premiership in 16 months, 100 goals conceded under Ardiles, £12 million spent — is not the type to sit idly by. Relegation still appears more of a promise than a threat.

Still, 4.45pm came and went and Ardiles was smiling and safe for a while. Those who had predicted that his reign would end on the stroke of full-time were among those forming the media scrum in the press room, which preceded the media scrum in the car park, which followed the TV interviews that began the radio interrogations. "I must have been photographed more than Princess Di this week," Ardiles said. "Maybe even more than a government minister."

He will need that sense of humour and the "inner strength" he says he has discovered, for no sooner had one deadline passed than another was set. D-day, it appears, has been put back to Thursday, when Sugar chairs a meeting of the Tottenham board. It is rumoured it could even be D for Demotion rather than D for Dismissal. According to some reports,

David Platt, Gerry Francis, Don Howe and Leo Beenhakker have all been offered his job. It will be interesting to see how they get on together. According to others, Sugar is about to appoint a coach to work alongside the Argentinian, without reference to Ardiles himself. It is not an option he will countenance. "No, I am the manager or nothing," Ardiles said.

More surprising even than watching Tottenham win a match through stamina, discipline and resolve rather than imported flair, was listening to Ardiles express growing admiration for the man seemingly on the point of dismissing him: "When he came here, he was a businessman," Ardiles said. "Now he is a real football fan, especially a Tottenham fan, and like me and the players he was devastated



Ardiles: inner strength

by the defeat at Notts County. I like the man. He is direct and honest. He has said I am under pressure because of results, but there must be one or two managers under more pressure than me."

Unlikely, but at least the team that had got him into trouble had tried to get him out of it. With Popescu as sweeper, they were more stable, more coherent defensively and far more committed.

Far from fainting, though, Kilmartin gave Tottenham the lead, but, before and after Rush's equaliser, West Ham were on top. Enter Sheringham, at half-time, and Ardiles swapped sweeper system for diamond formation. Sheringham struck, Tottenham sparked again and Barnaby crowned a marvelous performance with the third goal. A good day for Tottenham, a better one for Ardiles. How long can it last? TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR (4-4-2): E. Amokachi — G. Amokachi, D. Burrows (sub: P. Burrows, 46min), I. Durrant (sub: A. Limer, 69) — D. Amokachi, D. Ferguson. WEST HAM UNITED (4-5-1): L. Madsen — K. Howard, S. Poole, A. Smith, J. Dicks — M. Rush, P. Allen (sub: A. Webster, 89), S. Burrows (sub: L. Chapman, 88), D. Hughton, M. Marsh — A. Collins. Referee: K. Hopton.

New cast sweeps aside old script

Doncaster..... 3
Torquay..... 0

By ALIA RAMSAY

THE chap in the petrol station said he had not been to Belle Vue since 1953, when Doncaster Rovers had "proper players wearing proper kit". In those days, so the sage said, they had gates of 20,000. "You'll not see that now, lucky to get 2,000 turn up now."

Things had changed very much for the worse since those halcyon days of the second division, but they appear to be changing again. For a team more used to, in recent years, propping up the Endleigh Insurance League third division, this season has been a heady mix of optimism and renewal. Doncaster have been, briefly, top of the table and now sit comfortably in 10th place.

A new manager, half-a-dozen new players and Doncaster Rovers have a new age of hope. The season began well, then the results dried up, but before anyone could say "flash in the pan", Rovers were back in the groove. They went into the match on Saturday against sixth-placed Torquay United on a roll: four wins and a draw in the past six matches.

Sean Parrish, brought in this season from non-league Telford, is convinced the new-found confidence stems from the influx of new players. Getting to know each other's play has occupied their minds so much that they have not had time to ponder Doncaster's recent, miserable history.

The manager, Sammy Chung, is forever on to his rosters to keep their feet on the ground — all is not sweetness and light in the third division and this is, after all, only October. After Saturday, too, he would have found reason for rousing, as Rovers had so much of the play but could not get a shot on target for the first 45 minutes.

However, with players such as Brahin, a large and ferocious forward who seems to take every refereeing decision as a personal affront; Parrish, who does all the brain work in midfield; and the speedy Harper and Lawrence at his disposal, Chung is able to conjure a winning side.

A talking-to at half-time and Chung's boys were on the march. Hackett skipped into the box unmarked to score from ten yards after a Parrish free kick. That relieved the tension and Rovers then pushed forward and tried their luck as the mood took them.

Two goals in the last five minutes put paid to Torquay. Jones, stretching his legs after an afternoon on the substitute's bench, was picked out by Harper and missed. Chelsea's injury list, with Peacock, both full backs and both first-choice strikers all missing, meant that allowances had to be made on Saturday, but with Kharine, Kjeldberg, Johnson, Rocastle and Wise, they had the nucleus of a side capable of more than they offered, as they showed with their goal, a quite stunning falling volley by Wise.

"The two occasions in the game when someone got to the byline, a goal was scored," Hoddle said. "We got to the byline and we scored, they got to the byline and they scored."

Weakened Chelsea let off lightly

Sheffield Wednesday..... 1
Chelsea..... 1

By PETER BALL

A ROMANTIC in the great Tottenham tradition as a player, Glenn Hoddle the manager is much more of a pragmatist. Listening to him on Saturday after Chelsea's hard-earned draw at Hillsborough, he sounded like a throwback to the dear dead days of Peter Storey and Frank McLintock rather than of Ardiles and Villa (Ricky, not Aston), when managerspeak resounded with talk of character.

In the circumstances, I don't think I'll get a more satisfying result all season," Hoddle said. "The lads were magnificent, they gave 100 per cent, which is all you can ask in this game. They gave blood out there today, they battled hard. We knew we had to do that coming away from home. The problem we've got is that we are probably going to have to play like that for the next three or four weeks until we get a lot of people back; but when you've got 13 fit men, you're handicapped."

It makes Thursday's European Cup Winners' Cup return with FK Austria in Vienna sound like a game to miss. Chelsea's injury list, with Peacock, both full backs and both first-choice strikers all missing, meant that allowances had to be made on Saturday, but with Kharine, Kjeldberg, Johnson, Rocastle and Wise, they had the nucleus of a side capable of more than they offered, as they showed with their goal, a quite stunning falling volley by Wise.

take your chances, there's going to be a problem." Hirst's latest injury has left him still light on his feet. On Saturday, Barr-Williams was pressed into service alongside Bright, Francis leaving Watson, who is an out-and-out striker on the bench. It hardly paid off.

Wednesday dominated the game, enjoying an almost embarrassing amount of possession, and had the chances to win, but until they fell behind, they continued to look a side whose football is neat but lacking in passion. In the first half, the touches of Bright, the industry of Hyde and the urgency of Taylor

gave them the edge, but the bite which leading sides need was missing.

Even so, they should have turned their mass of possession into goals, but Kharine saved at Bright's feet, leaving the forward needing extended treatment, and Taylor and Sheridan missed from good positions.

Wise's goal raised the tempo and Wednesday should have equalised almost immediately after half-time when Newton pushed Taylor. Sheridan had just had extended treatment after twisting a knee, but elected to take the penalty. "There was a doubt in my mind whether he was fit to take it," Francis said.

There was none to Sheridan's, but Kharine read his intention and went to his left to save. "It hit the last four in the other corner. I should have stuck to that," Sheridan said afterwards.

Wednesday regrouped, with Watson coming on to partner Bright, Barr-Williams moving wide and Taylor going inside. The goal, however, came from the other wing. Simon buzzing outside Hall to reach the byline and crossing for Bright to score with a firm header.

That should have opened the way for a home win, but Simon failed to read the runes and reverted to coming inside. Chances continued to arrive and he was wasted and Kharine proved a serious obstacle whenever Wednesday did get it right.

PREMIERSHIP AT A GLANCE					
	Played	Points	Goal diff	Recent form	
1 Newcastle	12	29	+17	WDWWL	
2 Nottm Forest	12	27	+12	WDWWL	
3 Manchester Utd	12	25	+12	WDWWL	
4 Blackburn	12	24	+13	LDWWL	
5 Liverpool	11	23	+9	WDWWL	
6 Leeds	12	21	+5	WDWWL	
7 Chelsea	11	19	-7	LWLWD	
8 Norwich	12	19	+1	WDWWL	
9 Manchester City	12	18	+4	LDWWL	
10 Arsenal	12	18	+4	LWWWD	
11 Tottenham	12	17	-3	WDWWL	
12 Southampton	12	15	-4	WWLLL	
13 Coventry	12	15	-6	DWWLW	
14 West Ham	12	14	-6	WWLWL	
15 Sheffield Wed	12	12	-6	LWWLD	
16 Crystal Palace	12	13	-6	LWWLW	
17 Wimbledon	12	12	-9	LLWLW	
18 QPR	12	10	-5	LDLLW	
19 Aston Villa	12	10	-7	LDLLL	
20 Leicester	12	9	-10	DLWWL	
21 Ipswich	12	7	-13	LLULL	
22 Everton	12	4	-16	LLULL	

Weekly change Up Stayed the same Down
*Tottenham to be deducted six points at end of season

Hackett stifles Welsh fervour

Chester City..... 1
Wrexham..... 1

By LOUISE TAYLOR

CHESTER'S Deva stadium straddles the English-Welsh border; indeed, depending on where you sit, it is possible to watch Mike Pejic's team from either country. Geography, though, is one thing; cultural affinity — the ties that bind — another and, accordingly, the Deva's atmosphere is quintessentially English, restrained and rather conservative.

Wrexham supporters arrived clearly determined to turn their sole local derby into an occasion and most of the noise was made at the away end. They were temporarily deflated, however, when Chester took the lead after 30 minutes. Precise, penetrating right-wing run and cross preceding Hackett's powerful goal-bound header.

It arrived against the run of play, with Richardson, on loan from Cardiff, having dominated the midfield for Wrexham. In fact, Brian Flynn's team should have been read the runes and reverted to coming inside. Chances continued to arrive and he was wasted and Kharine proved a serious obstacle whenever Wednesday did get it right.

That should have opened the way for a home win, but Simon failed to read the runes and reverted to coming inside. Chances continued to arrive and he was wasted and Kharine proved a serious obstacle whenever Wednesday did get it right.

Wrexham's bright young things alongside him, Connolly, Hughes and Cross exhibited above-average skills. No wonder FA Carling Premiership scouts are regularly spotted at the Racecourse Ground. Flynn is managing Wales's highest-placed League side, probably because he has the

right blend of youthful potential and experience. The likes of Richardson, Ratcliffe (deployed at left back) and Bennett, a Chester old boy who constantly hassled the home defence, providing balance.

They deserved their equaliser eight minutes into the second half, after conceding a free kick just outside the area — the referee ignoring penalty appeals — and Owen stepped forward to curve it round the wall and into the bottom corner.

Now Wrexham were attacking with real pace and Bennett's run precipitated Hughes's shot, which beat Marriott. This effort was disallowed for offside, but it was a mighty close call.

Chester's position, second from bottom, suggests relegation but they looked too good for that yesterday. Pejic's predecessor, Graham Barrow, took Chester to promotion last season before leaving for Wigan after a contractual dispute. Unhappy about an absence of bonuses, many of his players also departed and boardroom disharmony resulted in a recent takeover. Handed power, if few pennies, Pejic inherited a rather poisoned chalice.

Still, his side, Shelton especially, showed plenty of promise and no little promise. They deserved a little luck — even if Wrexham headed towards the Welsh hills knowing they should have won.

CHESTER (4-4-2): D. Payne — J. Shelton, J. Aspinall, K. Ratcliffe, R. Marriott (sub: D. Ratcliffe, 46min), I. Durrant (sub: A. Limer, 69) — D. Amokachi, D. Ferguson. WREXHAM (4-4-2): L. Madsen — K. Howard, S. Poole, A. Smith, J. Dicks — M. Rush, P. Allen (sub: A. Webster, 89), S. Burrows (sub: L. Chapman, 88), D. Hughton, M. Marsh — A. Collins. Referee: K. Hopton.

Batsmen again fail in their duty at Perth

Deadly Malcolm gives England slender lead

FROM MICHAEL HENDERSON IN PERTH

NEVER, since the history of cricket has the skills of batting and bowling been so polarised in a player as they are in Devon Malcolm. There will never be a convergence of the two, as the Perth crowd saw on the second day of England's opening first-class fixture in Australia.

The touring team began the day on 241 for nine and had added only four runs when Malcolm, surrendered his wicket. Although John Crawley had briefed him about his need to retain the strike, Malcolm was tethered to the crease when Crawley summoned him for a single and, after looking twice over his shoulder, he bowled swiftly.

Hogg could respond, Malcolm found out when the fielder's throw beat him home. It was a cruel cricket that made one wonder what sort of game Malcolm imagined he was playing. In order to atone for his thoughtlessness, he had to bowl the Western Australians out. That he largely did, taking six for 20, the last five wickets coming in 47 balls.

For the second successive day, batsmen failed in their duty. England lost nine wickets for 90 runs. Now, Western Australia went from 178 for two to 238 all out as Malcolm established the touring team to establish a lead before the nine overs left before light stopped play seven minutes early. Graham Gooch fairly crashed his way to 20.

Malcolm bowled three spells. His first brought the wicket of Lavender, held smartly by Hick at second slip as Atherton, fielding at third, moved across his line of vision. Malcolm was bowling at a fair pace, with plenty of carry to Rhodes, and his direction was so good that seven overs before lunch cost only seven runs.

When he returned in mid-afternoon, Murray Goodwin, making his first-class debut, and Mike Veletta, on his 31st birthday, were transforming the innings. Malcolm conceded more runs in three balls than he had done in eight overs as the latter found the boundary on both sides of the wicket. Two overs later, three more runs took him to 50.

Veletta had gone when Malcolm came back the over before tea. At once, Damien Martyn, trying to take him on, edged a drive to slip when he failed to move his right foot towards the ball. McCague, bowling a far more impressive second spell, bowled Moody and the rest of the innings subsided inside 14 overs.

After Hogg, tickled McCague down the leg side, Malcolm took wickets in three successive overs. Gilchrist and Stewart presented gifts, both without scoring. Goodwin fell nine short of his century when he tried to leave a ball that took his left glove on the way to Rhodes.

Bowler and wicketkeeper were happy with that. When Goodwin had made 20, they both went up confidently for a



Malcolm: six wickets

catch, again off the glove. Once again, the value of pace was underlined. Goodwin was batting sweetly and his dismissal, like Lavender's, was the result of a fast ball he was unable to counter.

A wicket proved far too good for Gooch. DeFreitas, who had bowled with rhythm earlier in the innings without finding his most searching line, ended it by beating Reid.

England therefore began their second innings with a slender lead that Gooch improved by batting in an imperious manner. Reid, who passed his bat with one beauty, was driven and hooked

aggressively. Reid remains a bowler to be respected and, if fit, may yet feature in the forthcoming series.

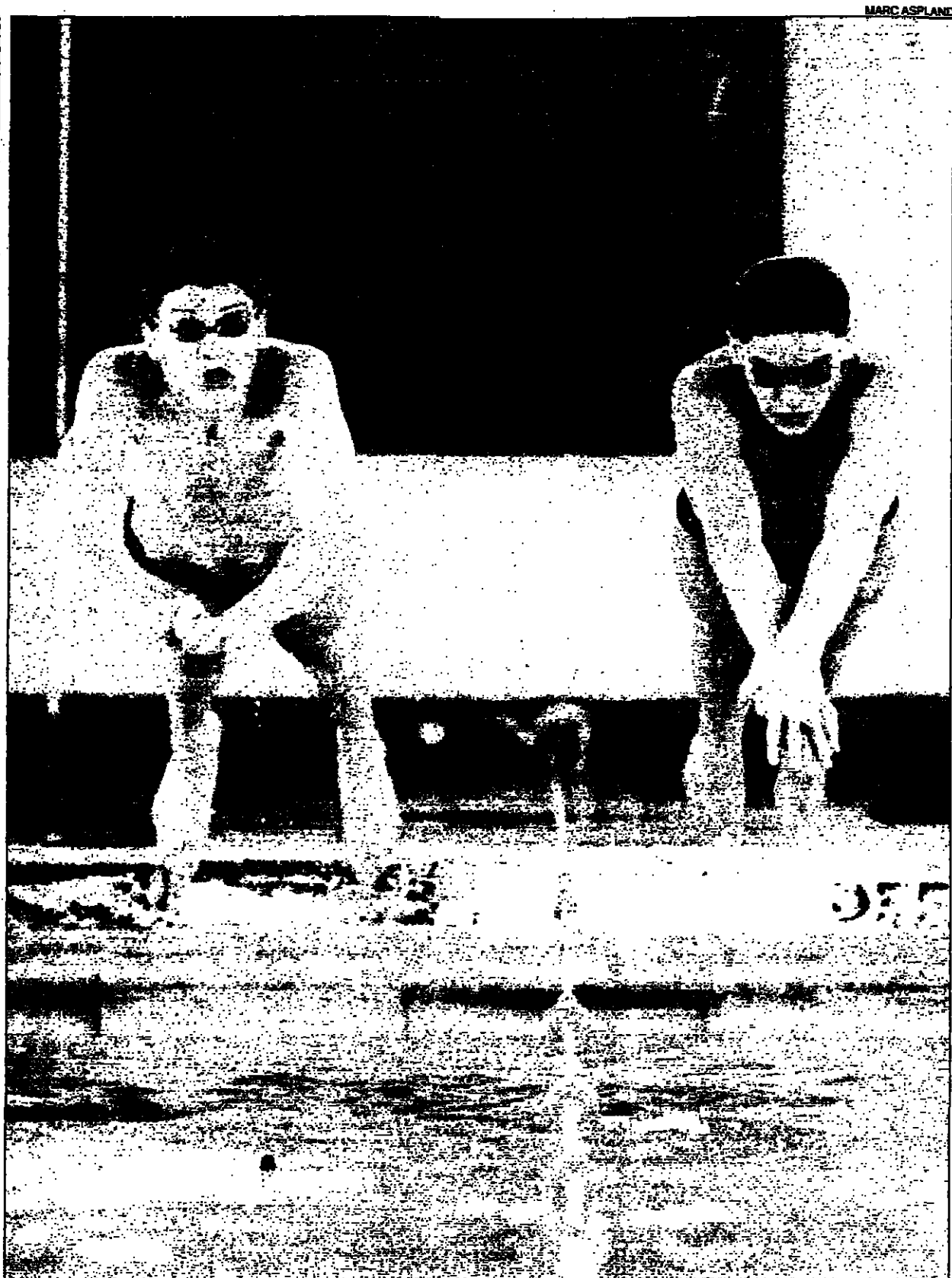
The way England threw away wickets on Saturday was alarming. Of their specialist batsmen, only Crawley, who made 40 not out, was not culpable. Thorpe, dropped first ball at square leg, had a death wish and Gattling looked sadly out of touch. Atherton, who made 88, established the tone of the innings when he mistook Cary's bouncer to long leg.

As Greg Chappell, the former Australia captain, noted last week, England's senior citizens will spend some very long days in the field. Gooch appeared to tweak something when he tried to cut off a ball at square leg (the boundaries here are immensely long), but he returned after ten minutes off. Gattling, at mid-on, thought about plunging for two drives off Hick's bowling before reconsidering. He was a wise man. He would still be lying there now if he had dived.

It is still a moot point whether Tufnell should have played. When Goodwin and Veletta were making 123, England's "quicks only" policy looked threadbare.

For Malcolm, there was no better time to remind the Australian public of his ability and, when he returns to Perth in February for the fifth Test, the pitch will be harder and faster. Keith Fletcher has given him "big raps", as they say in these parts, so a performance like this will keep people on their guard.

Allan Border, who retired from international cricket earlier this year, will captain the Prime Minister's XI against England in Canberra on November 9.



Martin, right, and Darrell Arnold enjoy the on-site facilities at Queen Elizabeth's Boys' School in Barnet

Talent's chance to make a splash

BY CRAIG LORD

IF THE success of swimming in this country depends on a healthy source of talent, it can look forward to happier days.

For one, there is the kind of enthusiastic pageantry as paraded by the 432 pupils at the English schools championships at The Spectrum Leisure Centre in Guildford on Saturday. Then, there is the inclusion this year of the sport in the national curriculum. The minimum requirement now is that every child must be able to swim 25 metres and have an understanding of water safety.

"To have that minimum recognised by the Department of Education was a real breakthrough," John Lawton, the director of education for the Amateur Swimming Association (ASA), said. Though the curriculum, as a whole, has gone back out to consultation as schools struggle to cram everything in, Lawton was more.

"The emphasis in our Swim for Life campaign, which secured the minimum standard, is on health and safety," he said, "but the aim now is to have it made compulsory for each child to have a minimum of 20 swimming sessions twice during their primary education."

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The ASA's research suggests that many schools test their pupils in the pool and, if they can swim the 25 metres, they no longer take part in swimming activities. "We say you would never do that with academic disciplines," Lawton said. "The learning process goes on."

While some argue that that role is already catered for by swimming clubs, Lawton said that while a wider potential intake into the competitive sphere would be welcome, the provision, on health and safety grounds, should be there for the "plodders", too.

He acknowledged that swimming's inclusion in the curriculum has not been without its problems. "We've recommended that the Government holds the funds for sports provision centrally," he said. "If it is in the hands

of the schools themselves, they will often find 'more pressing' needs. One can understand that."

Training teachers could also become something of a curate's egg. Lawton said: "In primaries, many of the teachers are non-specialist. As such, they are not qualified swimming instructors. You can't have unqualified people teaching children how to swim. We put out a circular to all 24,000 primary schools in Britain about this matter and received only 31 replies."

There are, surprisingly, more school pools - 4,000, though many are small primary facilities - in Britain than local authority baths, which number 1,600. While the logistics of pool-less schools taking busloads of children to baths can be restrictive, so too can its funding.

Piers Martin, 18, a sixth-former at Queen Elizabeth's Boys' School in Barnet, London, said that having a school pool is a distinct advantage. He extended his talents to water polo and became a member of the British team for the European junior championships this year.

"Sport is number one at our school," he said. "There's an aura of competition, it's

very healthy. Having the pool really helps. Our juniors were national champions, but we count ourselves lucky to get among the medals with the likes of Millfield racing."

Millfield, where Paul Howe, the former Olympian, is the head coach, is in the process of having a 50-metre pool built. Howe once practised what he now preaches: "I stepped up my training programme by coming to

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Millfield as a swimmer and having all the right conditions," he said. "It helped me make the Olympic team at 16. It was one of the best periods of my life." He advocated better links with universities to prevent talent drifting to the United States.

On Saturday, the South East emerged as the most successful region, with division 12 incorporating Berkshire and Hampshire, winning overall. Several records fell, while internationals such as Susan Rolph and Stephen Parry provided the highlights.

Pushpakumara causes collapse

ZIMBABWE lost their last six wickets for 99 runs yesterday on the fourth day of the third and final Test match in Harare where Ravindra Pushpakumara, Sri Lanka's 19-year-old fast bowler, finished with career-best figures of seven for 116.

Zimbabwe were dismissed for 325 in their first innings, giving Sri Lanka a lead of 27. After the loss of just under two hours' play to bad light either side of tea, Sri Lanka ended the day at 20, for one in their second innings.

The day belonged to Pushpakumara, who produced the second-best bowling figures by a Sri Lanka player at Test level, his performance being second only to that of Ravi Ranjane, who took eight for 83 against Pakistan at Sialkot in 1985-86.

"This wicket is a good one for batting, so I feel really good," Pushpakumara said. "I felt I bowled quickly and, especially, a good line and length. After lunch, I was getting a lot of seam movement and also a bit of outswing."

Zimbabwe, 276 for four overnight, lost their mainstay, David Houghton, after

he had added 17 runs to his 125 of the previous day. Houghton, whose tally for the series is 466, departed in the tenth over when he dragged a ball from Chaminda Vaas on to his stumps. His 268-ball innings included 17 fours and two sixes. Only 58 runs were scored during the morning session as the game meandered towards a draw.

The only solid resistance after Houghton's dismissal came from Guy Whittall, 22, with 61 not out. Whittall's maiden Test half-century included eight fours and he was at the crease for four hours. Whittall shared a seventh-wicket stand of 58 in 28 overs with Streak before Pushpakumara suddenly found himself on a hat-trick with the Zimbabwe score at 363.

Streak was caught behind by Tillekeratne for 20 off a leg-cutter and then Brian was leg-before pushing half forward, but Streak, in his first Test innings, prevented Pushpakumara from rounding off his fine display in dramatic style.

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Pakistan fall to McGrath's pace

GLENN McGrath, the Australia fast bowler, returned his best figures in one-day cricket to lead them to a 64-run victory over Pakistan in the final of a triangular tournament in Lahore yesterday.

McGrath took five for 52 as Pakistan, chasing a formidable total of 269 for five in 50 overs, were bowled out for 205 in the 47th over. He received fine support from Damien Fleming, who removed the openers, Saeed Anwar and Aamer Schail, in 11 balls and took three for 32 from eight overs.

Australia's score, their highest of the competition, was built around half-centuries by Mark Taylor, the captain, Michael Slater and Michael Bevan, whose unbeaten 53 - his first half-century in one-day internationals - came off just 42 balls.

Australia never looked back after Taylor and Slater gave them the ideal start with an opening stand of 121 off 134 balls, taking full advantage of wayward bowling by the Pakistan fast bowlers.

Pakistan, needing to score at 5.38 runs an over, could not recover from losing both openers to Fleming and then

Inzamam-ul-Haq and Ejaz Ahmed to McGrath with just 64 on the board, although Basit Ali scored a bright 63 from 61 balls.

West Indies, meanwhile, won their first match of the triangular one-day series in Kanpur yesterday when they beat India by 46 runs. An unbeaten century by the opener, Manoj Prabhakar, failed to save India, who were always struggling in their chase for 288 in 50 overs due to tight bowling and brilliant fielding by West Indies.

India finished on 211 for five, with three wickets falling to run-outs from direct throws and Prabhakar contributing 102 off 154 balls.

Earlier, Phil Simmons and Stuart Williams had given West Indies a flying start with an opening stand of 115. Simmons, dropped twice by Vinod Kambli, scored 65 from 98 balls with two sixes, while Williams gave solid support with 45 from 86 balls. Arthunton added a brisk 72. West Indies will reach the final if they beat New Zealand in the final qualifying match tomorrow.

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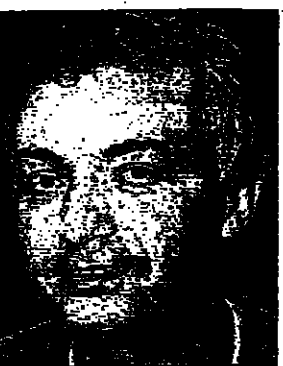
Tigers go in good heart

BY NICHOLAS HARLING

THAMES Valley Tigers will be under the care of László Nemeth, the English basketball coach, when they protect a five-point lead in the second leg of their European Cup tie in Split on Wednesday.

Nemeth, a Hungarian who coached the national team for the first time at the Commonwealth championships in July, takes over for one game from Mike Bett, whose teaching duties at The American School in Switzerland (TASIS) - based in Thorpe, Surrey - prevent him from making the trip.

"The simple fact is that I would have to take three days off school," Bett said after the Tigers' best ever win over Hemel Hempstead Royals for the third time this season on Saturday. "At the end of the day, it is the school that pays my mortgage and I'm not going to put that in jeopardy." Bett had been wrestling with his conscience long before his Tigers had established a first-leg lead of 77-72 last Wednesday over Croatia Insurance Split in the third preliminary round tie, but with the offer from Nemeth,



Nemeth: taking over

he knew that his players would have the benefit of expert guidance.

The Bundesliga League champions will go to the Dalmatian Coast in good heart. Their 116-77 victory at Hemel Hempstead means that they can maintain their defence of the 7-Up Trophy (formerly the League Trophy) in the semi-finals, provided they beat Birmingham Bulls by a margin of at least four points at Bracknell on Saturday week.

Hemel's fourth successive defeat in South Group One was a certainty once the Tigers had added to a score of 20-8 in

the first quarter with another 18 points without reply during the second quarter, most of them coming from Steve Bucknall who finished with 27 points, four fewer than Tony Holley.

Andy Gill, who continued to coach the Royals in the absence of Danny Palmer, who has been told to rest a back strain, said: "It wouldn't have made any difference to us if Pat Riley had been coaching."

The other man suffering with a bad back, Russ Saunders, returned for Sunderland Scorpions, scoring eight points, to add to the woes of Derby Bucks, who lost their 7-Up Trophy to 88-80.

Marc Bucaas, the new American guard introduced by Manchester Giants, collected 13 points in the 78-67 Bundesliga League victory over Leicester City Riders.

His compatriot, Mark Robinson hit 22 and Trevor Gordon, 17, to leave John Tresvant (27) once again on the losing side for the Riders.

Australians cruise home

BY BARRY PICKTHALL

outcome of the America's Cup, which gets underway in these waters in January, the conditions met so far have shown San Diego at its worst.

Winds for the first race never topped more than a yawning eight knots and oscillated through a maddening 30 degrees. Saturday's race had to be cancelled after the breeze refused to muster at more than a paltry three knots. Not

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that this concerned the crew sailing Koch's Cup-winner, America. This team, steered by the New Zealand-born 470 sailor, Leslie Egnot, were just happy to have been the first American boat home.

They sailed a near-perfect race, recovering from a premature start to lead the fleet at one stage up the first beat. "The women did a nice job getting back into the race so quickly," Bertrand said. "There is no question, the women will keep getting

stronger." Conner, who takes delivery of his new Cup challenger shortly, was disqualified, like three others, for rushing the line early and is keeping a low profile here.

His team have had their troubles re-acclimatising to San Diego's fiftful conditions and left a spinnaker wrapped over a moored yacht after drifting out of control during practice inside the harbour last week.

That was nothing, however, to the troubles the Japanese got into when the mast on their latest boat came crashing down.

"The spar soared its way halfway through the boat, cutting a hole from deck to waterline," the British navigator, Mark Chisnell who is here on a three-week trial with the Japanese, said. "At one point, we thought we would lose the whole boat."

Since then, the Nippon Cup team, who have entered two boats in the world championship, have been working around the clock to patch up their newest Cup contender and hope to be racing, wind permitting, tomorrow.

Wright gets it right after trip to Japan

JEFF Wright was wondering over a light breakfast yesterday when he would ever be able to shake off his reputation for finishing second best in the national hill climb cycling championship (Peter Bryan writes).

After being runner-up for the last three years, the omens did not look too good for the Newcastle University book-binder for yesterday's race at Jackson Bridge Hill, near Huddersfield, where Stuart Danglefield, the champion, who was also the 1992 winner, was defending his title on the ascent of 1,540 yards.

Wright had made a flying visit to Japan the previous weekend for a road race, in which he finished fifth of 103 starters, having initially turned down the invitation because he was worried the travelling might weaken him for the championship, but he was persuaded to go by Doug Dailey, the national coach.

Wright's fears proved unfounded yesterday on a course with an awesome opening climb of one in five. He not only blocked Danglefield's hopes of a third success to win

in 3min 49.9sec - he also enjoyed the distinction of beating world champion Chris Boardman's course record, set three years ago, by 6.3sec.

"The race in Japan turned out to be a good lung-opener," Wright said. In truth, the outcome after the demanding first stretch, was hardly in doubt. Danglefield has always shown a preference for climbs of six or even nine minutes' duration and found this year's venue to his disadvantage.

Rob Harris, the national road race champion for the last two years, won the bronze medal on his debut in the event.





As Ayrton Senna sat on the grid at Imola for what was to be his final grand prix, was he in a fit state of mind to race? Andrew Longmore investigates

Inner conflicts of a genius overtaken by doubt

The poem had been written that day and pinned on the fence alongside a bunch of flowers, heads bowed in the rain. Per Roberto ed Ayrton, September 1st, 1994. The wall on the far side of the track had been painted battleship grey, but an ugly, diagonal gash betrayed the force with which Senna's spinning Williams had rammed it four months before. "Ciao, Ayrton" read a message daubed in blood red on the concrete. The thunder and rain echoed the storm which had broken the night after Senna's death and sharpened the sense of foreboding. The Tamburello Curve at Imola, flanked by tall trees and high fencing, is a forbidding, joyless and lonely shrine.

My journey to a bleak corner of an Italian motor racing circuit on a dismal September morning was

driven partly by gratitude, partly by curiosity. I wanted to see where a great champion had died and pay tribute to his brilliance. Senna, 34, had been the Formula One world champion three times, won 41 of his 161 grands prix, claimed a record 65 pole positions and set 19 fastest laps. The Brazilian's greatness transcended the ordinary boundaries of sport and nationality, race and creed. He was Brazil's pulse, but he was everyone's hero, a man who controlled life in a way not open to ordinary mortals and whose death brought mortality a step closer for a generation. I also wanted to chart Senna's emotional course through that turbulent weekend. Tamburello, where a steady trickle of visitors come to stare at the wall and leave flowers, keepsakes and flags, seemed a good place to start.

Even before the death of Roland

Ratzenberger made him realise for the first time the true price of his profession. Senna faced enormous pressures at Imola. He was adjusting to a new team, a difficult car and a different routine. At McLaren, he had been treated like the only son in a big family; at Williams, he was the newest employee in a successful business. There was no time to settle in: Senna and Williams were expected to win immediately. Yet they had not scored a point in the first two races and Senna was convinced that Michael Schumacher, who had won both, was driving an illegal car. But Senna, the master psychologist, could control those forces and turn them into challenges.

Ratzenberger's death was different. It was uncontrollable, beyond comprehension and Senna, who regarded himself as the guardian of the close-knit community of Formula

One drivers, took it personally. Senna had outlined plans for an independent commission to oversee safety at the end of 1993, but shelved them because of the two-race suspended ban hanging over him. In the last 24 hours of his life, he began to renew the crusade almost as if he was trying to atone for not doing more. Contrary to his reputation, Senna had known fear, but, with the help of his faith and his intellect, he had rationalised it into an unnerving calm. He spoke eloquently and coolly about needing to explore his limits every time he stepped into a racing car. But he had never known doubt about his own abilities, about the meaning of the sport which was his life, about his own mortality and his own beliefs. Senna was sensitive, gentle, thoughtful, courageous, intelligent, loyal, honest, humble. He was also temperamental, arrogant,

ruthless, single-minded, opinionated, obstinate and possessed of a frightening will to win. Ratzenberger's death brought the halves of his character into insoluble conflict. Senna knew he had to win at Imola to resist Schumacher's charge and restore some credibility. He also knew instinctively that he did not want to race. At the head of the opening laps of the season, he might have considered withdrawing. He was, according to reports, given the option to do so. But to pull out of this race would have been an irreversible sign of weakness and he would not contemplate it. His belief that Ratzenberger had been killed instantly and that therefore, under Italian law, the track should have been closed reflected his desperate search for a way out of the emotional impasse.

Those close to Senna refuse to believe that he could have made a mis-

take at a curve as straightforward as Tamburello. Blaming a machine is far less complicated, though the hints of vulnerability only enhance the man. The results of an investigation into his death by the University of Bologna, due any day, will reveal some of the truth. Not all. That Sunday morning, Senna's mind was still in a state of not of premonition of his own death but of a terrible uncertainty.

Without doubt, Senna has spun crazily on through argument, suspicion, suspension and argument. But you do not have to scratch the tough skin of Formula One hard to draw blood. "I still cannot believe I will not see him, walking down the paddock with his yellow helmet," Jo Ramirez, Senna's closest friend at McLaren, said. For him and a million others, the season was defined for eternity on the afternoon of May 1.

Thursday April 28

4pm: The helicopter carrying Ayrton Senna to the San Marino Grand Prix landed on the infield at the Imola circuit. With Senna were the president of Ducati, the firm making the Senna motorbike, and the chief executive of TAG-Heuer, who was masterminding the production of a Senna watch. The Brazilian's plane, an eight-seat British Aerospace HS125, had been taken by Owen O'Mahony, his personal pilot, straight to the little airfield at Forlì. The landing fees were cheaper there than at Bologna and Senna, for all his millions, was not one to throw money away. Senna had been in Padua in the morning, launching a Senna mountain bike, but he wanted to see his Williams team before going on to the hotel. He checked on the car's preparations and talked to Richard West, director of marketing for Williams, about his promotional commitments.

5pm: Senna arrived at the Castello, a small hotel run by the jovial Valentino Tosoni, on the outskirts of Castel San Pietro, a spa town about 10 kilometres west of Imola. The Castello was the McLaren team's hotel and Senna had stayed there for the San Marino Grand Prix since 1989. He always booked the same room. No 200, a junior suite costing £150 a night — consisting of a bedroom, a bathroom and a small sitting-room — and he was not going to change his habits just because he had changed teams.

Frank Williams, the team managing director, occupied the room below, but most of the team stayed elsewhere. Ron Dennis, Senna's old boss at McLaren, was in the room above. Senna knew Tosoni well and Tosoni understood the routine of his most famous client. He had already ordered extra supplies of profiteroles, Senna's favourite dessert. Senna travelled light to races. He did not need a vast entourage but liked to relax

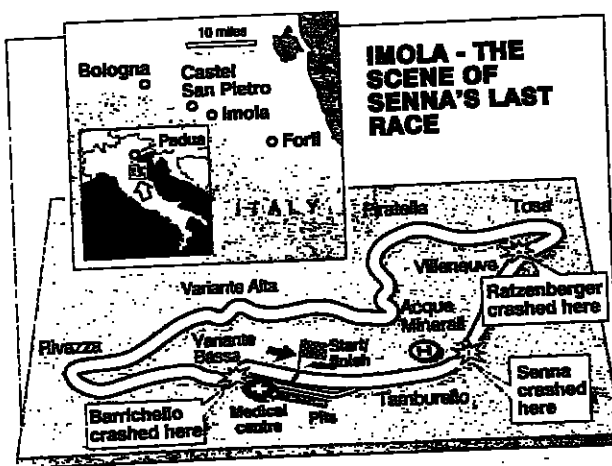
with friends away from the track. That weekend he was accompanied by his brother, Leonardo, Julian Jakobi, his business manager, Antonio Braga, an old friend from Brazil, Galvao Bueno, a journalist with Brazil's TV Globo, one of the few journalists Senna trusted, Celso Lemos, managing director of Senna Licensing in Brazil, Josef Leberer, his physio and dietician, and Ubirajara Guimaraes, the head of Senna Imports. It was a bigger party than usual.

The one notable absentee was Adriane Galisteu, Senna's girlfriend and, according to many, his future wife, who had become an increasingly familiar figure at the racetrack but who was not returning to Forlì. Senna's European base, until late the next day after finishing an English course in Brazil. Mindful perhaps of Leonardo and the delicate re-

lationships with his family and of the importance of the weekend to his chances of a fourth world championship, Senna had decided she should stay in Portugal. Senna dined in the hotel that evening — steak, pasta, profiteroles and mineral water was the standard menu — and returned to his room at about 10pm, his usual curfew hour during race meetings. He rarely went to bed before midnight, but was a notoriously late riser.

Friday April 29

9.30am: Free practice, timed but not counting towards qualifying, began. Senna completed 22 laps, recording a fastest time of 1min 21.598sec, more than a second faster than his teammate, Damon Hill.



1.14pm: Fourteen minutes into the first qualifying session, Senna completed the fastest lap. Moments later, as he was returning to the pits, the Jordan of Rubens Barrichello hit the kerb in the mid-

dle of the 140mph Variante Bassa chicane, hurtled through the air, cleared a metre-high tyre barrier and smashed against a debris fence. The crash looked horrific, reminiscent of Gerhard

Berger's five years before, and it stunned Senna, who regarded Barrichello as his heir, the keeper of the tradition of great Brazilian racing drivers.

There are conflicting reports about Senna's immediate reaction. Senna did not see the accident himself but sent Bettie Assumpcao, his personal assistant, to the Jordan pits to find out more. Owen O'Mahony, Senna's pilot who happened to be in the pits, thought that Senna had gone straight to the medical centre. Senna certainly went to the centre. Finding the front door blocked, he vaulted a fence to get in the back. Barrichello, who regained consciousness minutes after the accident, found Senna looking over him. "The first face I saw was Ayrton's," Barrichello recalled later. "He had tears in his eyes. I had never seen that with Ayrton before. I just had

the impression he felt as if my accident was like one of his own." The tears were the first of many that weekend, but within minutes Senna was back in the cockpit.

1.40pm: The qualifying session resumed. Senna bettered his time immediately and just before the close set what was to prove the quickest time of the weekend, a lap of 1min 21.548sec at an average of 138.2mph. The lap, in a car still unfamiliar to him and in the emotional aftermath of Barrichello's crash, was an emphatic reminder of Senna's supreme skill and courage.

But there was already a fragment of evidence that Senna was not as single-minded as usual. Walking past the Williams garage during practice, O'Mahony was surprised to hear Senna call him. "Owen, I have something for

you," Senna said, diving into his briefcase and producing three signed photographs of himself with O'Mahony. "That was odd," O'Mahony said. "I had been meaning to ask him for the pictures for a long time, but never got around to it. He had made a particular point of doing them for me anyway. The other odd thing was that he gave them to me in the middle of testing. It was all so out of character for him to think about anything other than racing. It was almost as if he wanted to tie up some loose ends."

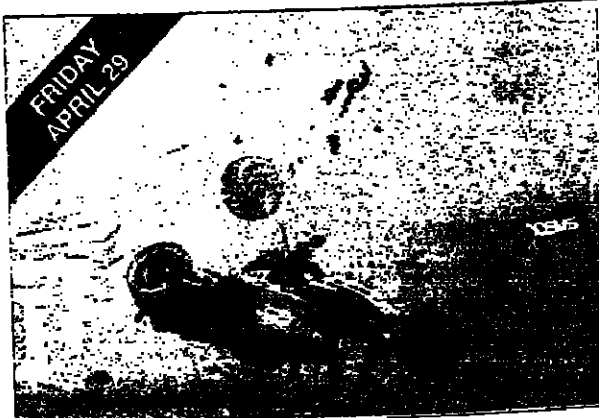
Senna was not happy with his car. He had a long and animated discussion with his race engineer, David Brown, and later that afternoon, having arranged to meet a small group of journalists to talk about his business interests, cut short the interview because of a "big engineering problem" with the car.

Mark Fogarty of *Carweek* magazine, a well-known figure in Formula One, was one of the group. He recalled: "I was struck at the time by how much effort he had to make to focus on our questions. If Senna agreed to do an interview, he would always give it his full attention. Sometimes, he even took so long answering a question you wondered if he had heard it, but he was simply thinking about the implications. This time, he just wasn't focused. His answers were halting and he looked glazed as if he was mentally worn out."

After 20 minutes, Senna left to talk to Brown again. The journalists waited for an hour, but when Senna came back he postponed the rest of the interview until after qualifying the next day. He was too tired, he said, and it was too late.

After leaving the circuit at 8pm, Senna dined at the Trattoria Romagnola, a small restaurant in Castel San Pietro, where his regular menu was antipasta, Parma ham, tagliatelle with a plain tomato sauce and fruit. He took no coffee, no alcohol, and liked his mineral water carbonated and slightly warm. He returned to his room just after 11pm.

TRAGEDY AT IMOLA: THE CRASHES THAT STUNNED FORMULA ONE



Barrichello, above, smashes against a fence in an horrific crash from which he emerged unhurt

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Ratzenberger's shattered car, below, after crashing at 200mph - the first grand prix fatality for 12 years

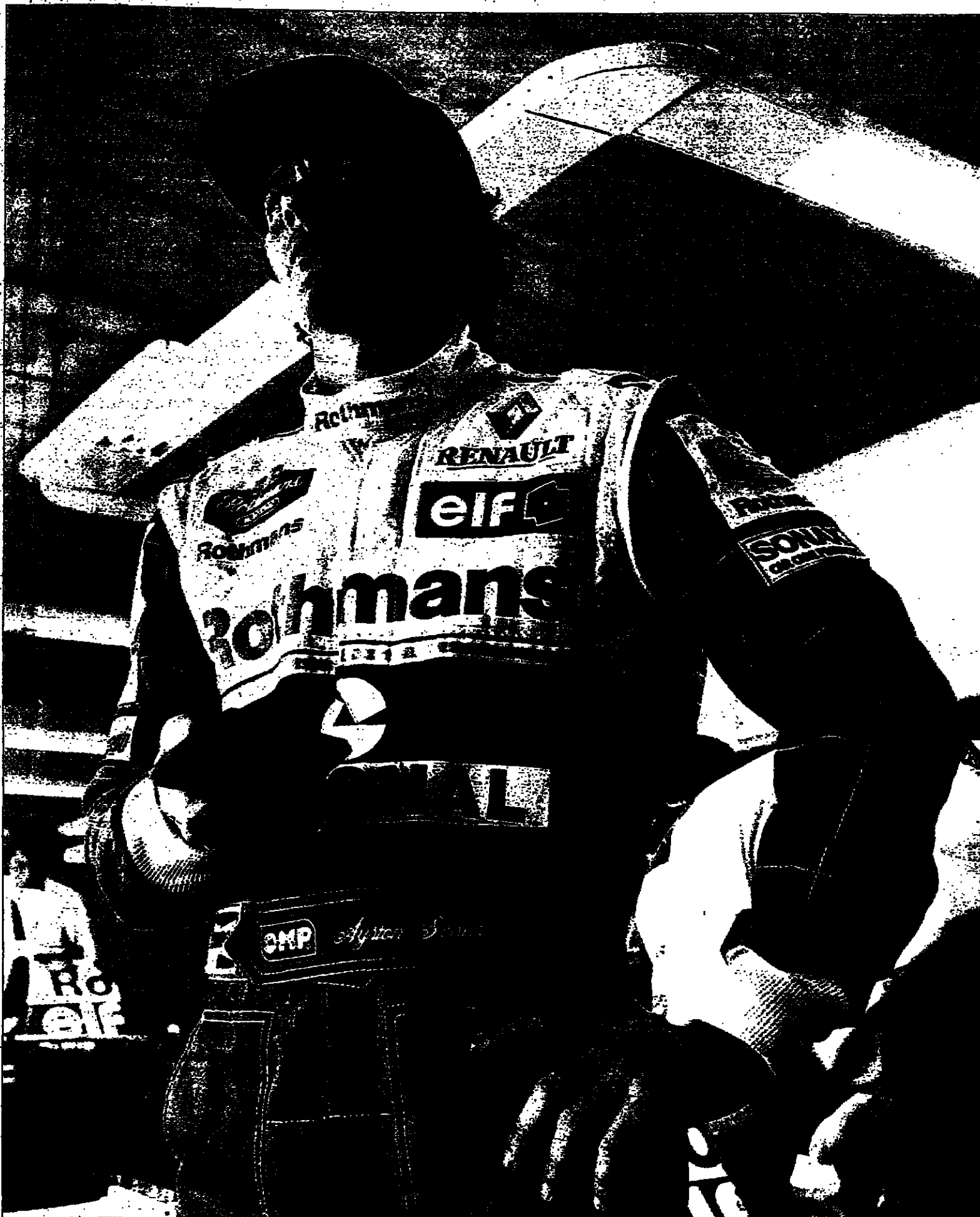
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Senna's car, above, slams into a concrete wall at the Tamburello Curve. He suffers massive head injuries

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THE LAST HOURS



"Senna knew he had to win at Imola. He also knew he did not want to race. But to pull out would have been an irreversible sign of weakness"

Saturday April 30

9.30am: During the second free practice session, Senna completed 19 laps with a best time of 1min 22.03sec. At 1pm, the second qualifying session started.

1.18pm: Almost 24 hours to the minute after Barrichello's breathtaking escape, Formula One's 12-year run of good luck ran out. Unlike the Brazilian, Roland Ratzenberger, the popular Austrian, had no chance of survival. Witnesses said his Simtek car took off and hurtled at a speed of almost 200mph into a concrete retaining wall on the outside of the Villeneuve curve before careering back into the middle of the track. Ratzenberger suffered massive injuries and was taken to the medical centre before being flown to Bologna's Maggiore Hospital.

2.15pm: The death of Ratzenberger was confirmed, the first at a grand prix since Riccardo Pateni was killed at Montreal in 1982. Drivers know when accidents look bad and Senna, who had seen it on the monitor as he prepared to go out in the Williams, went straight to the back of the garage and covered his face with his hands. He feared the worst and went to see for himself. Hurrying down the pit lane, he commandeered a safety car and drove down through the Tamburello Curve to the scene of the accident.

He arrived just after the Austrian had been taken to the medical centre, but saw the debris scattered over the track, the car twisted and lifeless. Having driven back to the pits, Senna went to find Professor Sid Watkins, the head of the international motor sport federation (FIA) medical commission. He wanted further news. Despite an age difference of more than 30 years, Senna and Watkins had forged a firm friendship. It was Watkins' grim task to tell Senna of Ratzenberger's death, the first in Formula One for 186 grands prix. Watkins recalled Senna's reaction.

"He was very shocked. He had never faced the reality of his profession before so starkly because no one had been killed during his time in Formula One. He was always fatalistic about death; he was a religious man and intelligent enough to think it through. This was the first time it had come so close. He was very quiet, but he remained resolute, not questioning out loud the meaning of his sport or his own position." Watkins said Senna talked for about five minutes. In the meantime, Martin Whitaker, the press officer of the FIA, had also gone to the medical centre for further news of Ratzenberger. He saw Watkins and Senna talking and hung back. "When they had finished, I asked Senna if he knew what had happened. He didn't reply. He just looked at me and walked away," Whitaker said. "I won't forget the look. To say it was fear would be over the top. He was just very worried. There was something different about him. You can see it in the photos of him that weekend."

When the qualifying session was resumed, Senna had no appetite for racing. Williams withdrew and he went back to the motorhome where he was left alone with Damon Hill and Hill's wife, Georgina. Betise Assumpcao was also there for a time. "His spirits were so low. I just stroked his head, talked to him a little, but he was very quiet," she recalled. Hill has never confirmed reports that Senna broke down and had to be calmed by him but Frank Williams was concerned enough about Senna's emotional state to ask for a meeting with him later in the evening. He checked with Assumpcao how Senna was. Meanwhile Senna declined to attend the traditional pole position winner's press conference. He should have been fined, but Whitaker advised that no action should be taken. His advice was heeded.

3pm: Senna was called from the motorhome to attend a meeting of the race stewards. The stewards wanted to reprimand Senna for taking an official car to the scene of Ratzenberger's crash. Senna was in no mood to accept the censure of the FIA and the race director, John Corsmit.

Corsmit's point was legitimate. He said that Senna should not have taken a car without permission, however extreme the circumstances. Senna, still emotional, replied that he represented all the drivers, was a three-times world champion and concerned about the safety of the track. He had also, he pointed out, got the permission of a pitlane official before getting into the car. The exchange was highly charged, with Senna at one point shouting: "At least someone is concerned about safety." Corsmit, an old but respected adversary of Senna's, took no further action. He thought the Brazilian was not

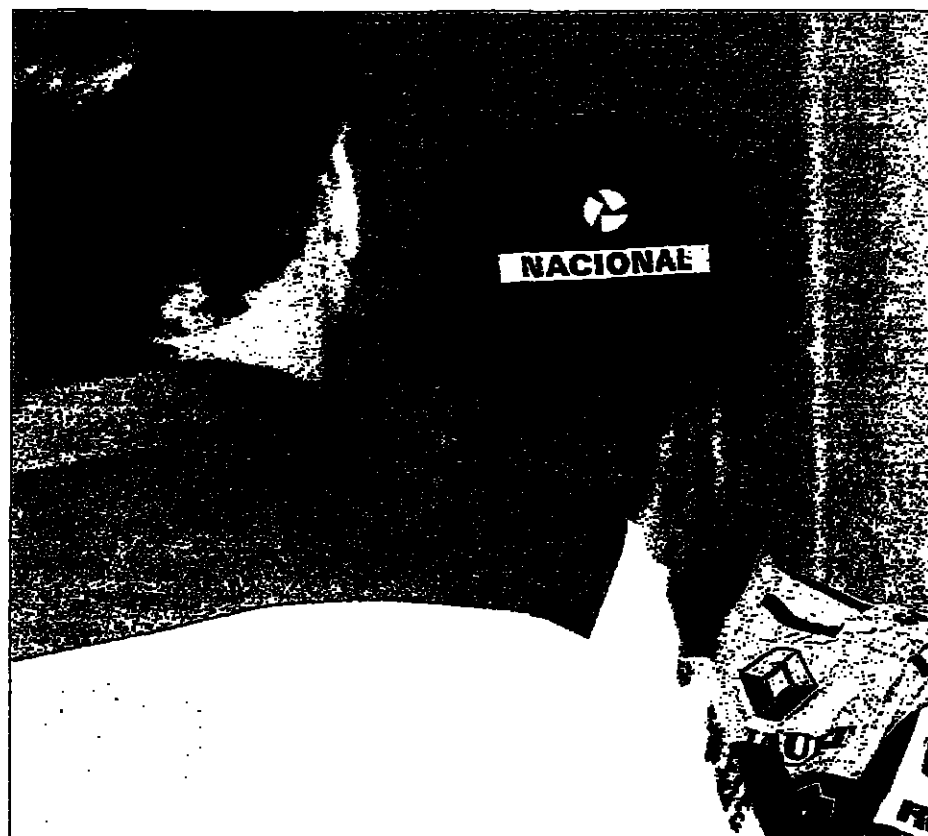
himself the whole weekend. "He seemed bothered by lots of other things," Senna was certainly too upset to continue his interview from the previous evening or to pose with the bride and groom when he returned to the Castello to find a wedding reception in full swing.

The strain on his face and his manner struck Fogarty so forcefully, almost four hours after Ratzenberger's death, he told colleagues that night that he felt Senna had a sense of foreboding. "I know you can look back and make sense of a lot of things," Fogarty said. "But I just got the impression he had a really bad feeling about it. He just looked dreadful." Senna agreed to complete the interview by phone later in the week.

Senna called Galisteu twice that night, the first time before dinner. He told her that he did

not feel like racing the next day, but said nothing about fears for his own life. He felt it would be morally wrong to race. "He was shaken. Crying, really crying," she said. "He told me he did not want to race. He had never spoken like that."

Galisteu told Senna he did not have to race. Senna said he had to, it was his job. Later, after a dinner at the Romagna which was planned as a celebration of Josef Leiberer's birthday but was in the words of Julian Jakobi, a "sombre affair", Senna found the message from Frank Williams and went to see him in his room. According to the Williams team, Senna seemed much calmer and more positive than he had been in the afternoon and confirmed that he would be ready to drive the next day. He also called Galisteu again, sounding, she



The Brazilian talks to a Williams engineer after Friday's practice session at Imola. He was not happy with his car and spoke to journalists of a "big engineering problem"

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recalled, in far better spirits. Senna said he was going to race, but that he couldn't wait for the whole thing to be over. His last words to her were: "Come and pick me up at Faro airport at 8.30pm tomorrow. I can't wait to see you."

Sunday May 1

7.30am: Senna was woken by a familiar voice on the telephone. "Baggage service". It was O'Mahony, wanting to know what time to pick up the bags from the hotel. He also acted as Senna's early morning alarm call. Senna flew by helicopter to the track and was comfortably fastest in the morning warm-up session. He told David Brown not to change anything on the car. He also recorded a televised lap for TFI, the French television network, for whom Alain Prost was working. "I would like to say welcome to my old friend, Alain Prost," Senna said over the radio. "Tell him we miss him very much." As the pair had been long-standing enemies and had barely spoken to each other for several years, the olive branch was quite unexpected. Prost was deeply touched and the pair talked — "really talked" Prost said — for a long time in the paddock that day.

Senna wanted the Frenchman to become involved in the safety commission. Prost agreed that they would meet before the Monaco Grand Prix two weeks later. Senna also talked intensely to Niki Lauda, another three-times world champion, that morning, enlisting the Austrian's help too.

11am: Senna went with Gerhard Berger, his old McLaren team-mate, to the drivers' briefing. The meeting was short, but animated. The drivers stood in silence for a minute in memory of Ratzen-

berger. Senna was particularly concerned about the use of the pace car on the warm-up lap. The car had been used for the first time at the Pacific Grand Prix in Japan two weeks earlier to keep the field bunched before the start. Senna said the car did not go fast enough to get the tyres properly warmed up and, along with Berger, proposed that it should not be used again. He was also worried that the safety car, brought out to slow the race in the event of an accident, would also not be fast enough. From the drivers' meeting, Senna went to the Williams hospitality area where, in a well-rehearsed show, he and Hill entertained the Williams guests with a corner-by-corner commentary on the track and a few comments about the weekend. Senna had not wanted to go, but knew promotion was part of the job.

12pm: Senna began his preparations for the race. Usually, he ate a light lunch, then shut himself away to gather his thoughts. Often, at McLaren, he would turn the driving seat of the motorhome round and read his bible. He had his bible in his briefcase that weekend, but nobody saw whether he read it that morning.

1.30pm: Half an hour before the start, Senna went to the Williams garage. Jaime Brito, a Brazilian journalist, was with Senna in the garage and asked him to sign three pictures. It was the first time he had asked Senna for an autograph. "The photos were so sad. I remarked about it at the time," he said. In Brazil, the images of Senna, the people's hero, the symbol of Brazilian nationhood, looking gaunt and pale, were to shock and haunt the nation for weeks. "He did something that day I had never seen him do before," Brito recalled. "He walked round the car, looked at the tyres, rested on the rear wing, almost as if he was suspicious of the car."

His manner was also different. Betise Assumpcao recalled: "He usually had a particular way of pulling on his balaclava and helmet, determined and strong as if he was looking forward to the race. That day, you could tell just from the way he was putting on his helmet that he didn't want to race. He was not thinking he was going to die, he really thought he would win that race, but he just wanted to get it over with and go home. He wasn't there, he was miles away." He also broke his usual routine on the starting grid by taking his helmet off. While most other drivers get out of their cars on the grid, waiting for the start, once in the car Senna almost always stayed in the cockpit, concentrating on the first corner. Assumpcao was more assured by the look in Senna's eyes moments before the start.

2pm: The starting light turned green and the cars, headed by Senna, streamed into the first turn. But there

was trouble on the grid. Pedro Lam's Lotus slammed into the back of J.J. Lehto's Benetton which had stalled on the start line, scattering debris all over the track. A wheel flew over the debris fencing injuring nine people.

2.03pm: The safety car came out as the debris was cleared. Senna followed at a respectful distance, with Michael Schumacher, Berger and Hill behind him.

2.15pm: The Williams pit radioed to Senna that the safety car was about to pull off. Senna acknowledged the information. It was the last contact. When the race began again, Senna and Schumacher quickly opened a gap on the rest of the field.

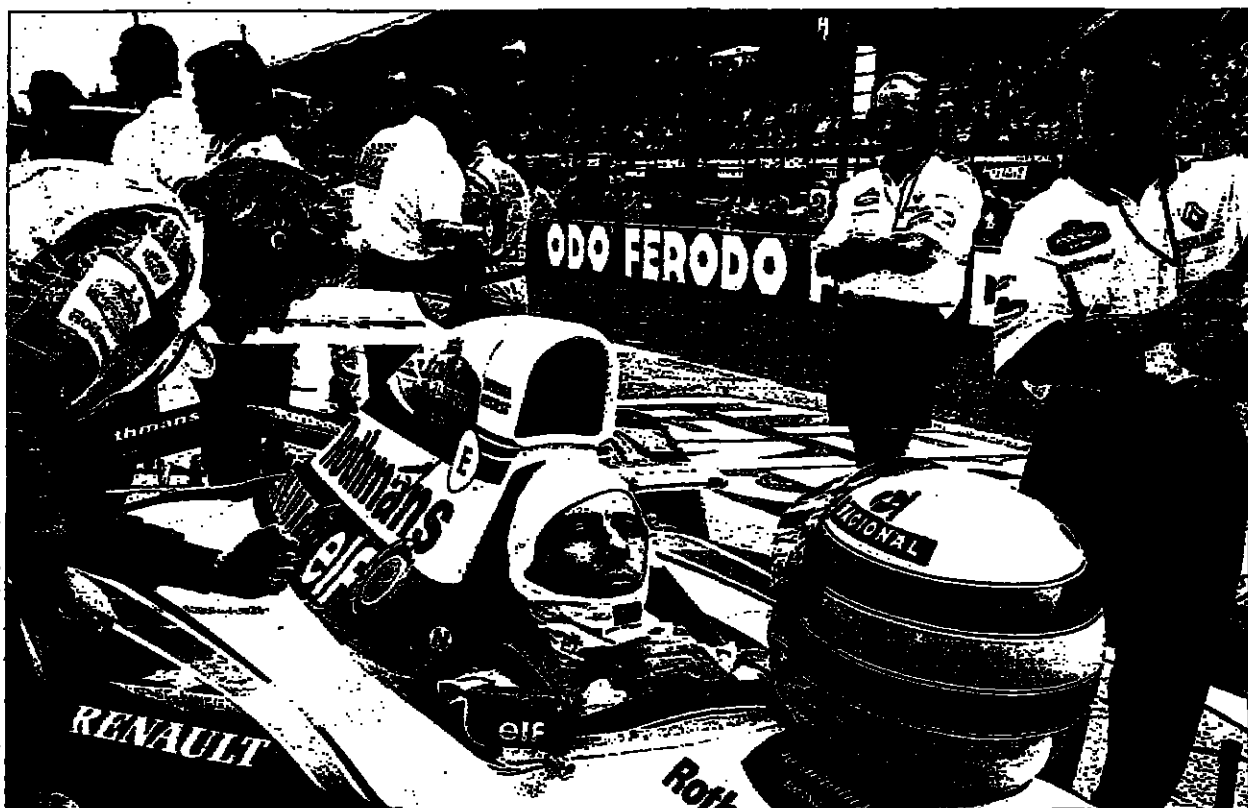
2.17pm: Taking the Tamburello Curve for the second time after the restart, Senna's Williams veered off the track just after the apex of the bend at a speed of 190mph and slammed into an unprotected concrete retaining wall. The front right side of the car took the full brunt of the impact, a wheel flew off, the suspension crumpled and the Williams catapulted back onto the track. In the split second before the car hit the wall, Senna had managed to slow it to 130mph. The monocoque had stayed intact and a slight movement of Senna's head gave brief cause for hope. But he had suffered massive head injuries. Aerial pictures of the car, blood seeping from it like oil, were seen by millions of television viewers. Senna was lifted from the wreckage and taken by helicopter to the Maggiore Hospital. On board, doctors fought to revive Senna's heart.

2.55pm: Thirty-seven minutes after Senna's crash, the race was restarted. Berger led for the first 11 laps before pitting and retired on lap 14. He went straight to the hospital. In Faro, Galisteu had seen the accident on television and, for an instant, was pleased because Senna would be home early. She soon realised the full horror and was called by Luiz Braga, Antonio's wife, who had arranged a plane to fly them both to Senna's bedside. The journey was in vain. The plane turned back soon after leaving Faro.

4.20pm: Schumacher crossed the line to win his third successive grand prix. Soon after, electrical brain tests confirmed that Senna was brain dead and being kept alive only by artificial means. Under Italian law, doctors are not allowed to turn off the machines for 12 hours. But even this support proved insufficient.

6.40pm: The chief medical officer, Dr Maria Theresia Fiandri, pronounced Ayrton Senna dead.

Back at the track, in the shattered remains of Senna's car, they discovered a furlled Austrian flag — Senna had intended to dedicate his 42nd grand prix victory to Ratzenberger's memory.



Senna changed his usual routine on the starting grid by taking off his helmet and staying in the cockpit of his car. Minutes after this photograph was taken the three times world champion crashed fatally at Tamburello Curve

Photographer Dario Nardelli, who works through the Select Photos Agency, was given exclusive access to Senna and his Williams team during the countdown to the race while on commission for Car Magazine.

Aerobics: the popularity of cardiovascular exercise classes has left the world breathless

Ways of warming to the burn

Kathryn Knight reports on the twists and turns in the history of aerobics

Most of us think that the age of aerobic exercise dawned when Jane Fonda donned a purple leotard and urged us to "go for the burn", but in fact it started a long time before that.

From practical beginnings, aerobics is now a hugely popular leisure activity, and big business worldwide. It is estimated that there are around 20,000 qualified exercise teachers in Britain, with hundreds of thousands of followers working out in church halls, exercise studios and living rooms throughout the country.

The originator of aerobics is Dr.

Dr. Kenneth Cooper, a US Air Force surgeon, who drew up in the late 1960s an "Aerobics Points System" based on cardiovascular exercise, designed to increase the body's intake of oxygen and strengthen the heart and lungs.

Dr Cooper tailored the regime

according to age group and preferred sport. But it was in the early 1980s that the public really got hooked, when the likes of La Fonda and Jackie

Genova took up the challenge and injected a dash of glamour in the form of shiny catsuits and heavy mascara.

Schools sprang up everywhere, with many unqualified teachers — at that time there was no central regulatory body to issue training guidelines or ensure safety. The sport risked getting a bad name — even among those of us for whom exercise is something that happens to other people.

"There was a mass of aerobics teachers around the country giving classes with no exercise training whatsoever," says, Jennie Tursnane, development officer for the Exercise Association of England, a national governing body for exercise and fitness. "They had got hold of a Jane Fonda video; thought, 'great, I'll go and give a class', and just got on with it."

A number of courses for teachers thus sprang up, the best known among them being Exercise to Music, which has been approved by the Royal Society of Arts. This is an 80-hour course covering everything an aerobics teacher needs to

know, from anatomy and physiology, to the practicalities of assembling a class. All participants have to take an exam at the end.

As for the form of exercise, there have been a number of aerobic spin-offs in recent years. In the 1990s, those in search of improved muscle tone and a stronger heart face a bewildering choice. It ranges from "Swingnastics" and "High Energy" to "Punkaerobics", and although the basic aerobic principles are the same, the music varies to cater for rhythm-sensitive tastes.

Step aerobics, a form of aerobics based on and around a step, also took off a few years ago. Companies such as

Reebok offer step equipment for between £40 and £50, but a humble stair is just as effective.

"Now there exists an enormous variety of aerobics programmes, and many different interpretations of them," says Mrs Tursnane. "Walking is an

aerobic exercise, and so is cross-country ski-ing. Many people have trainers who come to their homes to develop personalised programmes which will suit their lifestyle."

The Physical Activity Taskforce, a body led by the Health Department, is about to issue a new set of guidelines which it hopes will complement the traditional recommendation of three twenty-minute sessions of aerobic activity a week to maintain a good level of fitness.

The Taskforce advises five 30-minute sessions a week to keep healthy. These do not necessarily involve kicking up your heels or waving your arms about at an exercise class, for even strenuous housework can constitute aerobic activity — something every harassed housewife has known for years.

If you follow simple guidelines, there is no reason why aerobic activity should be anything other than beneficial.

"Provided people are sensible, there is no reason why aerobic exercise should be dangerous," said Nick Cavill, the physical activity research officer for the PAT. "Our general advice to people embarking on any fitness

programme is to start gently, and check that the class you attend is well run and doesn't force you to do anything that you feel uncomfortable with. It is important to see that it has a proper warm-up programme."

Companies such as British Telecom are now bringing health and fitness trainers into the workplace to perform gentle aerobic sessions with their workers.

Many schools have introduced extra-curricular aerobics classes in order to boost flagging fitness levels among teenage girls and boys who are uninterested in conventional sport.

There has also been a significant rise in "competition aerobics", a combination of gymnastics, dance and fitness routines in which exponents aim, through choreography, to dispel aerobics' sports-hall origins and replace them with that of a dynamic sport. While still small in Britain, it is becoming very popular in the USA, Australia, New Zealand and Japan.

It's a safe bet that Jane Fonda will release a video about it first.

For more information, or access to a list of qualified teachers, and an S.A.E. to The Exercise Association, Unit 4, Angel Gate, 326 City Road, London EC1A 2PT.



Taking one giant leap: from practical beginnings, aerobics is now a hugely popular leisure activity. There are around 20,000 qualified exercise teachers in Britain

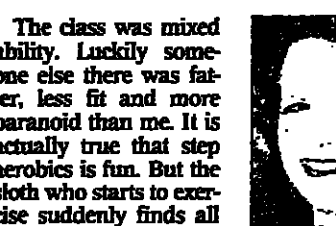
Marching to the tune of a step class

Lucy Berrington reluctantly falls into line with the local exercise class routine

I was determined to be healthy. Not thin, healthy. Well, OK, thin; but if the side-effect was healthy I would have that too. But exercise was a problem. I didn't have time, gym costs the earth, I had nothing to wear. No, really, I didn't.

"Don't be pathetic," said a friend rummaging in my cupboard. "You have this revolting college sweatshirt, and these £2.99 Mark One leggings circa 1985." Joining an exercise class is nerve-racking. What if I am always suspicious of thin people who exercise. Would my worst enemy from school be there too, weighing nothing and looking amazing? Undoubtedly she would.

She wasn't of course. We left school ten years ago and anyway it was 300 miles north. Now I was at the Kensington Sports Centre with an instructor called Nadira. She was pretty and petite (in instructors that's OK). We crowded into the gym, collected steps, and arranged ourselves across the wooden floor. "We can't all go in the back row," someone said.



The class was mixed ability. Luckily someone else there was fatter, less fit and more paranoid than me. It is actually true that step aerobics is fun. But the sloth who starts to exercise suddenly finds all sorts of unexpected body parts; the most difficult thing is co-ordinating them. I had to forget about my arms until the legs were automatic.

That's less easy than it sounds. Step aerobics is based on the "add-on" method. You learn a basic move — stepping up and down — and add arm gestures such as bicep curls. You vary the stepping, spreading your feet wide apart as you march. The pace is relentless; this stuff burns up far more calories than running. You're just about to die when the instructor takes you back to the initial

simple step: this is your breather. Then off you go again, with harder, more exhausting variations. And so it continues.

No sooner has the beginner sussed part one of the routine than the rest of the class is well into part three. This makes things physically easier. First-timers might well spend less time stepping than pausing in frustration, feeling lost.

I was not new to aerobics, which helped me feel less of an idiot. A shelf at home is loaded with the videotaped exercise regimes I always use, or am just starting to use, or will use soon. The most enjoyable home workout comes from Cher, who giggles and sweats her way to the sort of body allowed to collect an Oscar. Gloria of the Cosmo tape is well scrubbed

and self-conscious in comparison. Then there's a depressing American android called Karen Voight, a humourless and unrealistically-chiselled trainer-to-the-stars.

Their workouts are a great way for the self-disciplined to pass an hour or two. But there is always a risk in unsupervised regimes that a limb will go astray, consigning you to a wheelchair for life — not to mention the far greater danger that your flatmate will walk in with two of his most fanciable friends. A class seemed safer.

Come at the end," I had asked the photographer, hoping that by the end I would be thinner. He arrived at the beginning, to capture the entire sorry episode. The final section was the most painful: we went down on hands and knees to tackle what's known in the trade as "tums and bums". Sweat dripped off foreheads and enough f-words were muttered to make James Kelman cringe. This is what Nadira calls an easy class. Will I go again? Nadira says I will, and she is right.

Gloucester show edge in class

Gloucester.....9
Orrell.....6

By JACK BAILEY

VISITING teams cannot fail to be affected by the gladiatorial atmosphere as they enter Kingsholm. You tend to look for the sign: 'Abandon hope all ye who enter here', while the vocal crowd suggests that feeling. Orrell were up against it from the start.

They also faced a team that was better equipped technically. Gloucester won the majority of good ball from the lineout, where Dave Sims and Simon Devereux, deputising for the injured West, reigned supreme, and the work of their pack in ruck and maul ensured quality possession.

With Mike Teague fitting comfortably into the No 8 position, the Gloucester back row made the most of this possession, but their plan of attack also involved moving the ball wide and at speed. Here, the swift incursions of Mark Maplett from full back were telling, and the winger, was that Gloucester failed to add a try to their scoreline.

Indeed, if Maplett's place-kicking had been as accomplished as his hard, straight running, the margin would have been widened by three more penalties.

Orrell's last-ditch defence also played its part in keeping the score down. Simon Langford's immense presence, and full-blooded mauling at full back contributed largely to this, while James Naylor, and the spiky-haired Austin Healey displayed sound defensive qualities.

Healey also came within a whisker of turning the game

on its head. With 15 minutes remaining, Maplett, with nobody in the offing, let an Orrell kick dribble over the line. Healey arrived from nowhere and Maplett reacted just in the nick of time.

Victory for Orrell would have been a grave injustice. Dewi Morris, under constant pressure, rarely passed with speed and length and Orrell too often drove into the cul-de-sac that was the fast-breaking Gloucester pack.

Gloucester gained a half-time lead from Maplett's tenth-minute penalty, to which he added a second soon after the resumption. Langford levelled the scores with two penalties — his second a monstrous kick from nearly halfway — before Martyn Kimber, possessor of a golden left foot, dropped the winning goal from 30 yards midway through the second half.

SCORES: Gloucester: Penalty goals: Maplett 2. Dropped: Joseph. Winger: Orrell: Penalty goals: Langford 2. Gloucester: M Maplett, P Healey, S Morris, S Naylor, L Collins, M Williams, T Woods, J Healey, A Dawson, D Sims, S Devereux, P Ashmead, T Smith, M Baggett.

ORRELL: S Langford, J Naylor, M Parr, P Johnson, A Healey, P Harris, M Dowd, D Morris, J Williams, Y Bennett, Cando, C Cooper, C Bailey, P Marley, D Cleary, S Batty.

Referee: N Coulson (London).



Teague positive move

Flowing Wasps point way ahead

Wasps.....27
Northampton.....21

By BARRY TROWBRIDGE

AN HOUR after Ed Morrison blew the final whistle at Sudbury on Saturday, there cannot have been two more satisfied sportsmen than Dean Ryan, the Wasps captain, and Rob Rodger, the club coach. Having just been party to the latest exhibition of running rugby from their charges, there is little wonder.

Enthusiasm more over Wasps' execution of the 15-man game than the two points that kept them in touch with Leicester and Bath at the top of the Courage Clubs Championship, Ryan and Smith left nobody doubting that theirs is the way forward and that trophies are just around the corner.

After a confidence-inspiring victory over Gloucester, Northampton arrived in northwest London eager to play their part and with Tim Rodger to the fore, perhaps shaded the first half-hour, but Wasps' eagerness and, in particular, ability to run the ball from any position, rightly stole the day, far more impressively than the six-point margin suggests.

By the end, Wasps had taken about 20 tapped penalties and, although this left Rob Andrew two points short of a hundred for the league season and the crowd anxious to the last — the lead had, after all, changed hands five times — it was a worthwhile tactic for, by the middle of the second half, Northampton did not know where to defend next.

As Ryan said: "When our play clicks, it's awesome. At the moment, we are clicking

for 20-30 minutes in a game, but our training is geared for 80 minutes. We go from minute one and, by the middle of the second half, we can usually exploit gaps and pile on points."

Northampton can verify that. Leading 13-10 at half-time — thanks mainly to Rodger intercepting a pass from Andrew and cantering 75 metres to the line, and some conservative safety play — and 16-15 ten minutes later, they could do little more than watch as Ryan fed Dallaglio for a try under the posts and Phil Hopley finished off the best move of the day, from the restart, around the hour. On

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the face of it, Morrison's willingness to play advantage, and allow rivals to develop, helped the Wasps cause, but, in keeping with his no-nonsense approach on the field, Ryan had his say there, too. "If [playing advantage] does us no favours," he said. "We would much rather take a quick penalty and get on with it before the defence can reform. Our style of play is far easier to play than defend against."

Either way, it is certainly entertaining. SCORES: Wasps: Tries: Williams, Delaney, Dallaglio, P Hopley, Connerstone, Andrew (2). Penalty goals: Andrew, Northampton: Tries: Rodger, Courtney, Connerstone. Penalty goals: Grayson.

WASPS: J Liffon, P Hopley, G Chalk, D Hopley, S Piggitt, R Andrew, S Bates, D Miley, P Delaney, J Courtney, D Dallaglio, M Hadley, M Greenwood, C Williams, D Ryan. NORTHAMPTON: S Judd, K Morgan, B Reid, M Allen, H Thompson, P Grayson, M Dawson, M Hyman, A Clarke, M Lewis, T Rodger, J Phillips, M Bayfield, A Courtney, G Sealey.

Referee: E Morrison (Gloucester).

New market at Wolverhampton enjoys racing with a difference

The weather was dire in the Black Country on Saturday evening, but the crowd gathered in the brightly-lit concourse of Dunstall Park for the evening's floodlit racecard wore the smug expressions of those who have cheated the elements. It could rain all night, but their sport would go on and they would not get wet.

For an outdoor event in a country whose sporting administrators have seldom shown much regard for climate or comfort, this was quite something. But then, Wolverhampton racecourse is all about breaking moulds. "Racing as you have never seen it before," is its proud slogan. Both for better and worse, it is hard to argue.

Being among those who had stayed away since Wolverhampton dug up its "proper" racecourse, laid the sand track and erected floodlights, my first impression was that I had come to the wrong place. Even to those of us who went regularly, it was an unloved venue, standing meetings on murky Mondays for a handful of the committed and the addicted bunched in century-old stands. The staff were surly, the food inadequate and the car park needed a tractor to tow vehicles from out of the quagmire.

I feared the worst in Saturday's torrent. Yet, here were stewards flagging me onto a vast gravel surface just a few yards from the gates, where a smiling man in blazer and tie gave me a token to work the turnstiles, in exchange for £6. He explained that I could pay an additional £4 to enter the restaurant area or £9 for the members' area and said it all

Alan Lee fears the worst but leaves pleasantly surprised after an evening meeting where the needs of the punter, unusually, came first

with an air of informed welcome to put many another racecourse to shame.

The third-floor restaurant is a viewing facility open only to those prepared to pay £14.90 for a three-course dinner. The menu is good, though, and the tables, each with a Tote betting monitor, are tiered to give an unobstructed view of the racing in a way the better greyhound tracks have been doing for years. Actually getting in is the problem. They are already taking reservations for next year.

The alternative diet, on too many racecourses, would be a curled-up sandwich or a stale paste. Here, the food outlets range from basket meals at £3.95 to fish and chips at £2.80 and an Indian takeaway for £4.95.

You can also buy half-decent coffee rather more quickly than I did at Cheltenham last week when, beneath an infuriating sign proclaim-

ing "Fast Queue", I waited 17 minutes for a cup.

The Muddle family, having previously redesigned Southwell, know their business and this is a sporting facility created, unusually, with the punter in mind. The paddock is immediately behind the main stand and the track squarely in front of it.

With a liberal use of windows and open-viewing balconies, everything can be seen without leaving the building. One of the bars even has a huge window onto the jockeys' weighing-room. Another has a child-care centre attached.

The drawback is the racing itself. Much of next week's Breeders' Cup in America will be run on a similar track, but there the similarity ends. The apprentice winning the first race did, incongruously, punch the air as he passed the post, but the agenda is low-

grade races for horses who aspire to nothing better.

This has its market, of course. Most of the top flat jockeys now ride on the all-weather tracks and many of the top trainers run their lesser animals here. The Queen was among the owners represented on Saturday, though fortunately she was not present to see her odds-on shot trail in fourth.

The Saturday night punters are less concerned with quality than quantity and, as none of the races had fewer than ten runners, each-way bets proliferated. There were 19 course bookmakers getting wet, but nobody was obliged to join them, such were the betting facilities under cover.

It was a decent crowd, if not uncomfortably big, and several things identified it. Binoculars were rare, not only because the lights were so good and the track so tight but because most people were present for a night out first, horse racing second. Those who believe all racegoers wear tweed would have been as disorientated as those who classify them as the great unwashed. Here were women and children in abundance, evidently anxious to convert newcomers to their discovery.

"Dawn seems to be getting into it," I heard, in front of me. "Yes, but Dennis hasn't had a bet yet. Do you think they'll come next week?" I expect they will. Dunstall Park was the first course to stage a Saturday evening meeting, 32 years ago, but the 1994 version is futuristic. It has created a new market rather than playing to an existing one that is already thinly spread. It cannot fail.

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WHAT IT COSTS	
Admission	£6.00
Food & Drink	£3.95 (fish & chips) £2.80 (burger) £4.95 (Indian)
Travel	£1.00 (from Cheltenham, 114 miles return) £2.45 (park)
Programme	£1.00
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A lesson in partnership

Independent schools are again looking anxiously towards a future with a government that may not be sympathetic. At the top of the hit list are state funds to help pay the fees of able children from poor families. Both Labour and the Liberal Democrats are committed to scrapping the assisted places scheme.

The loss of the scheme, which is worth more than £90 million annually, would be a heavy financial blow to a number of schools, although a privileged few would be able to cushion the impact by increasing their scholarship and bursary funds from investments.

While private schools prepare to fight their corner, some politicians are trying to balance the demands of parental choice with the needs of the country as a whole. Don Foster, education spokesman for the Liberal Democrats, is now working on an education policy due to be unveiled in December which will propose ways of forging a close partnership between private and state schools.

He says: "There is no question whatsoever that independent schools are providing very important educational opportunities for some pupils and as a result are benefiting the nation. We have to find ways of making the best use of them for the benefit of the whole education service."

In an attempt to move decision-

Would the independents survive a change of government? David Tytler looks at Sandbach, where an ancient school has found a modern role

making away from central government, the Liberal Democrats will suggest that local education authorities should resume their responsibility for local strategic planning and consider the roles of local independent schools in that planning.

Mr Foster says: "How this is done is likely to differ from one part of the country to another. Authorities would see where deficiencies lie and seek to meet them. They could, for example, use independent schools to provide specialist education such as music. Or where there is a general shortage of places, consider whether to build a new school of their own or to use existing facilities in independent schools."

An example of this exists at Sandbach School, Cheshire. At first glance, Sandbach, dating back to 1677, is the traditional English public school, an imposing Victorian mansion designed by Sir Gilbert Scott, set in beautiful grounds with cricket square and pavilion. The difference is that all 900 places are purchased by the Cheshire County

Council. Now the school, an all-boys comprehensive, is a key player in Cheshire's maintained education service.

The arrangement began in 1957 when Sandbach and the county council signed a 50-year agreement under which the school became, in effect, the grammar for the area. The school still has the right to charge fees but has not done so since 1979. When Cheshire introduced comprehensive education, Sandbach followed suit and a new agreement was signed in 1978.

More recently, the governors decided that the terms did not meet the school's needs. Funding for each pupil was above that allowed for the maintained comprehensives but the school argued that they had considerably higher costs. They were responsible for all their staff and had to buy in services that were provided by the county to other schools.

A two-year agreement was signed in April after difficult negotiations. Now the school can offer up to 165 places for 11-year-olds every year, instead of the previous

150. For the first time, boys outside the immediate catchment area will be able to apply to the school. Sandbach will also be able to extend its sixth form and it is hoped eventually to reach 1,000 pupils.

The school is concerned about the arrangements after 1996, but David Lloyd-Griffiths, a senior Liberal Democrat on the county council and a Sandbach governor, is confident that agreement will be reached. "I don't anticipate any changes in the fee levels, although the county is sensitive to funding levels and is anxious to see that there is no built-in inequality between Sandbach and local authority schools."

For 1994-95, the school will receive £2,435,000 from the county council, with an additional £64,000 from other sources. The county, which contributed £2.35 million last year, is coy about the educational cost for each Sandbach pupil, but says that in 1993-94 it was about £1,950 once Sandbach's other costs had been taken into account.

Mr Lloyd-Griffiths believes that there is little complaint from other heads on the funding for Sandbach, although some are concerned about the increased number of pupils the school is allowed to take.

Colin Brown, the head of Sandbach, does not accept that his school is a grant-maintained school by another name. "We have freedom to decide our own curriculum. We do follow the national curriculum but are not bound to follow the Key Stage tests and have not done so. We replaced them with our own professional judgment, rather than get squeezed between central government and the teacher associations."

Sandbach has an eye to the future: the school is involved in vocational training for 50 young men and women aged 16 to 20, offering courses in business administration. The course is supported by South and East Cheshire Training and Enterprise Council, which provides 70 per cent of the funding.

The school is proud of its history — but what of the pupils? "They become more aware as they get older," says Mr Brown. "You cannot expect them to understand all the nuances at 11. We do not remind them all the time of the 100 years of tradition. But we do have ceremonies and traditions and a whole range of cups that go back to the 1890s. We want them to have pride in their history in the same way as they will have pride in their future."



Marking the playing fields at Sandbach, a key player in Cheshire's maintained education service

The school that has decided to save itself

How St Michael's Preparatory bucked the trend

Stories of small preparatory schools closing after terms of staggering from crisis to crisis, are sadly commonplace. It is not often that anywhere bucks the trend in the startling manner of St Michael's Preparatory School, Oxford, Kent.

Four years ago the school was boys-only and mostly boarding. Numbers had dwindled to just 59, with class sizes of four and five. There was a debt of £130,000. Today the school is fully co-educational with a roll of 325, mostly day pupils. It gleams after an expensive facelift and the headmaster has no qualms when he mentions that the school will almost double its £300,000 or so bank loan next year to pay for a new indoor sports hall and swimming pool. There are even thoughts of building a theatre.

How has this come about? Part of the answer goes back to past benefactors. Among them was Father Arthur Tooth, who founded the school in Walsingham in 1872 for orphans of London clergy. After the First World War, the school moved to Oxford, Kent, and for about 60 years numbers remained steady at 80 pupils. Among them were Evelyn Waugh and the actor John Hurt.

Towards the end of this incarnation the school was taking on some children with special needs and behavioural difficulties and had a reputation for helping them to mix and compete happily with their peers.

Simon Cummins, the headmaster, who has led the school's fightback, and who was awarded the headship of St Michael's at 27, believes he is the youngest person to head a preparatory school in Britain. He says: "I felt we had to build up the school. I had to believe in what I was selling." The governors of the school agreed and so the changes began.

Some shares left by Father Tooth and two Sisters of Mercy



Pupils at St Michael's embody the spirit of a school reborn, with a belief in the future after years of decline

who ran the school in the 1930s were sold for £160,000 and other trusts were broken up to release funds. A few pieces of antique furniture raised more money. Some parents even agreed to pay fees for 11 years of schooling in advance. And an overdraft facility of £250,000 was arranged.

The school employed two full-

on an 88-acre site. "We asked 180 lower-school parents about boarding in the future and only two said they were interested. So from 1996 we will be full day."

Electronics is taught as a fourth science and every child learns familiarity with a musical keyboard. The average age of staff is 35. "I like them to have ambition and be innovative," Mr Cummins shares the strong religious beliefs of past school heads. Within the school building is a distinctly Anglo-Catholic chapel, although the school caters for all creeds.

Of the pupils, 180 are aged under seven and 145 over seven. With so many smiling faces of both parents and children about it seems churlish to hark back to funding. But with a large amount of money owing, interest rates nudging up, a Labour government knocking at the door and questioning charitable status, and with some of the future fees money already absorbed, can it all be plain sailing ahead?

JESSICA GORST-WILLIAMS

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As thousands of newly-qualified graduates search in vain for the first green shoots of recovery in the jobs market, two stories from the front line

So you think you want to work here?

Olive Forsythe found philosophers and linguists fighting for an assistant's job

More young people than ever are seizing the opportunities of higher education — and paying more for the pleasure — only to find their ambitions crushed. Where have those famous green shoots of recovery gone? They are not to be seen in the graduate jobs market garden if my experience is common.

Lynn Hilling, my administrative assistant in the press office of the National Union of Teachers, is about to disappear on maternity leave for at least six months. A single advert for a temporary replacement in a national newspaper produced more than 400 requests for application forms. I had to turn down the offer of a free, repeat advert five days later for fear of being swamped.

The job is predominantly administrative and organisational and hardly glamorous — it is not assistant press officer but assistant to the press officer. The qualifications and experience sought were based on the talents Lynn brought to the post: a good standard of general education — and as this is the NUT that must include good grammar, spelling and punctuation — attention to detail and, crucially, office management.

Journalistic talent was not needed, although it would not go unnoticed over time. The starting salary was about £13,000, which I am told is average for graduates.

Sackfuls of mail arrived with every post. More than 150 application forms were returned. They rolled in from all parts of the United Kingdom and the Irish Republic.

What an array of talent. Fewer than ten were from people without degrees. Well over a quarter had post-graduate qualifications to go with their first and upper seconds. Their subjects ranged from medieval history to media studies. Linguists, scientists and mathematicians abounded. Philosophers,

economists, lawyers: they were all there.

Surprisingly — this is a job with the NUT, remember — only three teachers applied. One, who qualified last year, was currently working as a supply teacher as he could not find a permanent teaching post, a sad reflection on the state of school finances. But it seems it's not only schools which face financial difficulties. One history graduate had accepted a public relations post with a well known employers' organisation. That job fell through because of "changes in budgetary arrangements".

Nine out of ten hopefuls had graduated in the two years since those famous green shoots were first spotted. Sadly, only a handful already had permanent posts, most paying well below what the NUT was offering. The remainder were working hand to mouth in a depressing array of menial, temporary jobs.

One of the most tragic cases had a double first in history from Cambridge and an MA with distinction in Mass Communications from Leicester University. The only employment he could tell me about was two months as a "temporary production operative" at £3 an



In the NUT office: Olive Forsythe (left) and Lynn Hilling, whose replacement was being sought

hour. I think this translates as a factory worker.

Cambridge provided more than one applicant currently without paid employment. One had nine A levels and an upper two in English. But then virtually every other "old"

and many of the new universities in the country were the alma maters of the unemployed, high-quality graduates who failed even to get an interview with the union.

Newcastle offered a good honours graduate, currently working

in a provincial theatre and earning £15 per show as a spotlight operator and dresser. From University College, London, came the highest paid applicant (£13,000 as a temporary consultant). She had a first in economics.

Many applicants were languishing in idleness. Dozens were doing voluntary work of some sort: dogbody in charities, fundraising for Amnesty, or helping out with the old, the infirm and the sick.

They strived to make what experience of work they had relevant

to the job on offer. "Although my work experience is entirely part-time and not directly relevant, it has taught me how to deal with management and the public alike, often in busy and difficult circumstances," said the barman with a two-one in history who was awaiting his MA results.

Applicants were rejected always for a good reason: they were really after my job, they had no relevant experience, or, in some cases, they did not show that attention to detail and good English which were emphasised in the information about the post.

The successful applicant is a graduate and now has her MA. But like so many, she has never had a permanent job. Instead, she has worked in the same temporary administrative post during vacations and since leaving university in June.

This can hardly be the future a generation of young people imagined for themselves. They have listened to the advice, worked hard, gained the qualifications, taken out loans and even with their double firsts they are now competing to be temporary production operatives — if they are lucky.

Ben Preston

The agony of the armchair

Jennai Cox hangs on to her optimism — despite some unnerving questions

My stomach feels like it is on a rollercoaster. My mind refuses to think of less than three things at once and my eyes are drawn, magnetically, to my watch. It is 15 minutes before yet another job interview.

Like thousands of students who graduated in the summer, the euphoria of ceremony and champagne to celebrate the end of college life is long forgotten. The treadmill of applications and interviews has taken over. Job-hunting is a perplexing, dispiriting process for which the experience of researching a dissertation on the effect of apartheid on white South African literature is little preparation.

Careers advisers and common sense stress the importance of doing a bit of research on the company you wish to join. They also tell you to be ready for the question: "So, why do you want to be [in my case] a journalist?"

However, most of the questions for which I prepared myself were not asked. Instead I found myself stumped when an attractive blonde executive started questioning me about my partner's job. And a chubby, sweaty-nosed editor-in-chief even asked for my thoughts on a ring I was wearing.

I sailed through my first interview (at least, so I thought until the rejection letter arrived) without a single butterfly battering the walls of my abdomen. I answered most questions without hesitation, always had a smile ready for the appropriate moment and managed to distribute my eye focus equally between the three interrogators.

But the rule that experience and habit make a job easier does not apply to interviews. My nerves and confidence have got progressively worse. Hands, in particular, have become more and more of a nuisance. Interviews these days are rarely conducted from behind a desk. Instead, you now sit crossly face to face on an armchair or a

settee deep enough to drown in. The ready supply of tea or coffee gives ample opportunity to display nerves by rattling the cup and saucer. Even worse is the distraction of trying not to be caught swallowing when you are expected to answer a question.

The post-interview blues come next. "Why didn't I say that I loved *The Daily Beast*? I should have said I liked colour photographs in newspapers. What made me say women's pages are coming back into fashion?" For days — and nights — I spend my time finding new and better answers to the questions I was asked.

Of course, the more you want a job, the more nerves you display.

This seems to be compounded, in my case, at least, by the growing stack of rejection letters piling up on my bedside table. Finding the right balance between showing enthusiasm for the job, and sheer desperation, gets harder as anxiety mounts.

In one interview, this dilemma was made worse because it was with a newspaper I had worked for while studying, and I knew one of the interviewers. It had been on my mind for three years. "You are bound to get the job," friends reassured. "They all know you." But that was precisely the problem. I had always assumed the interview would not stir the snakes in my stomach for just that reason. Quite the opposite. I was so nervous my brain kept switching off like a defective television set.

Five months on, my attitude and approach are becoming more consistent. I have learnt a lot. Do not get excited, it always turns into nervousness. Be relaxed, but not uninterested; look, listen and smile. Whatever the outcome of an interview, put it down to practice. Although I haven't succeeded yet, I know I will because, despite the nerves and the disasters, persistence pays off in the end — however far off that end might be.



Jennai Cox

SLOW SIGNS OF RECOVERY IN THE JOB MARKET

THE depressed graduate jobs market that has blighted career prospects for a generation is showing flickering signs of a recovery. More than 50,000 new graduates of English universities and colleges found permanent employment by the end of last year, the highest figure on record, according to Education Department statistics.

But competition for vacancies will remain intense for the foreseeable future. The downside of a higher education revolution,

which doubled the number of graduates in seven years, is that an economy mired in recession simply failed to absorb them all.

As a result, a huge backlog of unemployed graduates — and those who took menial or temporary "McJobs" — is returning to the market to compete for openings. Thousands more students, who preferred to bolster their curriculum vitae by opting for post-graduate study, are emerging armed with second degrees.

Britain's postgraduate popula-

tion exceeds 200,000. Last year alone there was a 16 per cent rise in recruitment, with almost one graduate in four opting for further study or training.

A degree is no longer a passport to a job for life. Instead it has become an entry visa, without which hopefuls cannot even apply for a huge range of jobs, many of which used to be offered to 18-year-olds with A levels.

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Branson plans European radio network

By ALEXANDRA FREAN
MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

RICHARD Branson is planning to launch a network of commercial radio stations throughout Europe over the next two years in yet another venture designed to build on the Virgin brand name. The new stations will broadcast in English, using material from Mr Branson's British Virgin 1215 rock music station, which has built up a weekly audience of close to 4 million listeners since it was launched last year. Each of the overseas stations will carry local advertisements from the host country.

The move is part of the airline and music entrepreneur's plans to squeeze maximum commercial advantage out of the Virgin brand

name. Branson's venture follows his recent expansion into the drinks market with the launch of Virgin Cola and Virgin Vodka. A new mineral water, Virgin Water, and a spicy tomato drink, Virgin Mary, have been flagged for next year.

Plans to locate the first international Virgin radio station in France have hit a stumbling block, however, after broadcasting authorities in Paris insisted that 40 per cent of the music output must be by French artists.

Branson said: "We are looking at ways around this to see, for example, if we couldn't broadcast Virgin radio for ten hours in France during the day and then run French music through the night. I have a feeling, however, that the French authorities might be cleverer

than that." He added that he was convinced there is a "strong demand for good music stations throughout Europe." Branson expects Virgin 1215 to break even by next March. "Last month we took £800,000 in advertising, which just about covers our costs," he said.

Virgin's radio expansion reflects recent rapid growth in the sector. According to research conducted by the Henley Centre and presented to the first British national Radio Convention in Dublin yesterday, radio advertising revenue will more than double between now and 1999, reaching 5 per cent of all national display advertising by the end of the century.

The sector, which has traditionally accounted for only about 2 per cent of display advertising, is already on course to capture 4 per cent by the

end of the year. In the third quarter of 1994, revenues reached £56.7 million, up 24 per cent on last year's figures.

The Radio Advertising Bureau yesterday unveiled a £2.5 million promotional campaign to boost the sector's profile among advertisers. The RAB, which represents national and local independent stations, said it expected that the campaign would boost advertising revenues by £115 million over the next five years, on top of underlying growth.

This follows publication of official audience data last week, which showed that commercial radio now accounts for 49 per cent share of all listening, against the BBC's 48.6 per cent share the first time the commercial sector has overtaken the BBC.

Employers urge moves to reduce joblessness

By PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

BUSINESS leaders are targeting unemployment as a key priority for British industry, with new proposals aimed at further reducing the number of people out of work.

Engineering employers will today urge the Chancellor to take fiscal steps in his Budget to persuade employers to recruit the unemployed, while the Confederation of British Industry will this week set out business's responsibilities to the unemployed, including a call for benefit changes.

The moves, by leaders of two of the most prominent UK business organisations, suggest a new emphasis on unemployment and labour market issues by industry, where business leaders are concerned that the fall in unemployment, which Government ministers have proclaimed as a vindication of their economic policies, is not yet being mirrored by a rise in jobs.

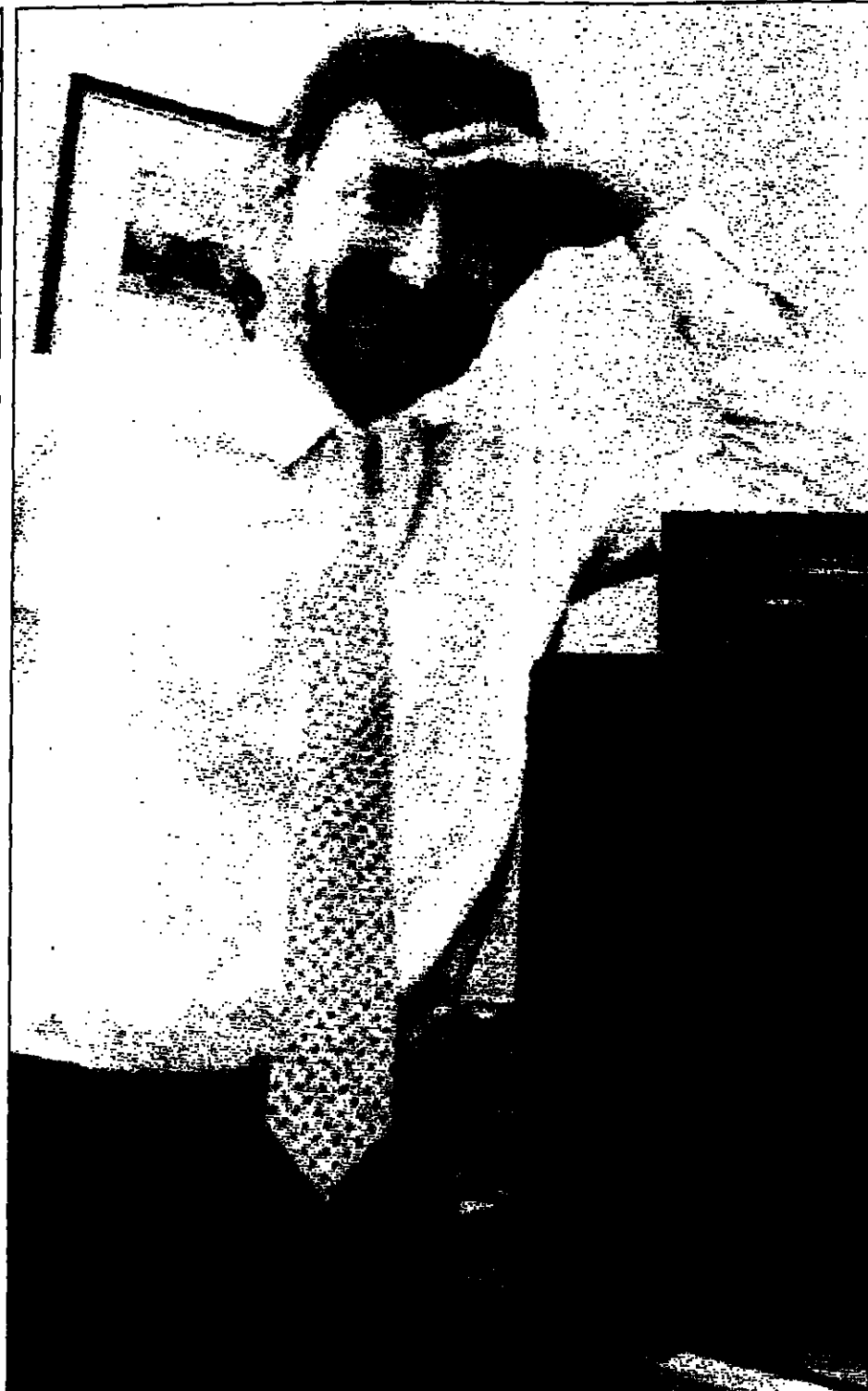
Today the Engineering Employers' Federation calls for exemptions from national insurance contributions for employers who recruit permanent staff from the unemployment register. Its aim is to stimulate movement of the unemployed, especially long-term jobless, back to work.

EEF analysts say the move could save £1,700 on current £17,000 average earnings in the industry. Graham MacKenzie, EEF director-general, said: "National insurance breaks would be a real incentive for employers to take on the unemployed and would enable those employers to invest in retraining."

The EEF proposal comes in its response to the Government's White Paper on industrial competitiveness, which will be examined by a pre-Budget EEF conference in London today. Engineering employers are critical of the White Paper which, they claim, does not have sufficiently strategic vision and lacks coherence, particularly in fiscal and long-term infrastructure issues.

A survey of manufacturers by the EEF for today's conference suggests half of Britain's companies believe the Government's support for exporters is significantly below that in competitor countries. The findings also show lower-than-expected opposition to Labour's policy of a statutory national minimum wage, which half of those surveyed believe would have little or no effect on UK unemployment.

CBI leaders will also concentrate on unemployment this week when they publish a consultative document stressing social, economic and business problems of the long-term unemployed. The CBI will urge the Government, business and the unemployed to take a range of actions, including changes to the benefit system aimed at making it more attractive for people to move off welfare, and for employers to take them on, designed to cut destabilisation of long-term unemployment. Legal regulations, not customer pressure, are forcing business to improve its environmental performance, say the British Chambers of Commerce. Avoiding falling foul of the law is the principal pressure on small business to "go green", with customer pressure listed by only 2 per cent in a survey of environmental awareness and activity.



Lord Hollick, whose MAI group is in the consortium that is clearly the front-runner

Race is on to win Channel 5 licence

By MARTIN WALLER
DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

THE Independent Television Commission is about to start the race to run Channel 5, Britain's last remaining TV channel to use conventional technology, by launching an advertising campaign aimed at attracting potential operators.

Tomorrow, the commission unveils the document inviting applications and indicating how many people will be able to receive the service. This is a vexed question for applicants — a government decision in the summer to reserve one frequency for future digital TV broadcasting reduced Channel 5's potential coverage to half the population.

The ITC has since suggested that this might be raised to nearly 70 per cent by the use of other frequencies.

The licence will be awarded by competitive tender, and applications must be in by next May 1. The winner will emerge six months later.

A clear front-runner is a consortium comprising Pearson, the conglomerate that owns Thames TV; MAI, Lord Hollick's money-broking-to-media group; and Time Warner, the American entertainment concern. MAI already owns Anglia TV and a chunk of Meridian, the southern England franchise operator.

An earlier attempt to find an operator for Channel 5 ended when the only applicant, a consortium including several companies, was refused because the ITC thought its business plan would not survive the ten-year licence period.

London house prices increase by 5%

THE average price of houses sold in London rose by 5 per cent over the past year, suggesting it has so far avoided the slowdown affecting many other parts of the country, according to the London Research Centre. The average price of houses sold in the third quarter was £88,400, a rise of 3 per cent on the previous quarter. First-time buyers paid 3 per cent more at £87,700, or 6 per cent more than a year ago.

This week will provide the latest evidence nationally amid growing signs that activity in the housing market has slowed down under the weight of higher mortgage rates, base rates and taxes. Tomorrow, the Nationwide publishes its house price index for October, and on Thursday the Halifax its latest price index for October. On Friday, official figures for housing starts in September will be published. In Southeast England, which suffers most from the mortgage squeeze where the value of a home is less than the mortgage taken out to finance it, according to a report by the Bank of England, but today. More than 14 per cent of households in the region had negative equity, averaging £6,900, in the second quarter.

Water row for Heseltine

MICHAEL Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade, will be urged by Dudley Mead, a Conservative councillor at Croydon, to intervene in the row between two water authorities when he visits Croydon this week. Thames Water has been asked by Croydon Council to take over water supplies to 20,000 households on the edge of its territory, currently supplied by East Surrey Water. Ian Byatt, director-general of Ofwat, the water industry regulator, gave informal advice last week that this would not be possible under the terms of existing legislation. Mr Mead said: "This is an appalling situation, where a monopoly is not acting in the best interests of its customers." He claimed the company could knock 25 per cent off its prices and still make a profit.

Willis denies bid

ROGER Elliott, chairman of Willis Corroon, has quashed rumours that the insurance broker is the subject of a takeover bid. In a memo to the company's 11,000 employees he said: "We have received none and know of none." The unusual move was triggered by the mounting speculation surrounding the future of Willis, HSBC Holdings, the parent company of Midland Bank, and Aon Corporation of the US have both been rumoured to be interested in acquiring it. As the speculation over Willis's future has mounted, the company's shares have slipped from a high for the year of 245p, to 144p. Mr Elliott admitted the group had profitability problems in some areas of the US but these were being "energetically addressed" and management was hopeful of working towards a turnaround.

Power deal delayed

YORKSHIRE Electricity is hoping to hear in the next few days whether its £150 million purchase of a fifth of Stockholm Energi, Sweden's third largest energy company and owned by the Stockholm council, will proceed. The purchase has been derailed by Sweden's general election in September. The Social Democrats are still trying to form a coalition in Stockholm, to take control of the council but some of their possible partners are opposed to the sale of the energy company. The deal was announced in March but must be ratified by the middle of December or be renegotiated. Failure of the Stockholm deal would leave Yorkshire well-placed to emulate East Midlands Electricity's £150 million special dividend which was paid in May.

Food stores cut prices

THE major food retailers are continuing to cut prices aggressively, according to Verdict, the retail researcher. Its latest quarterly survey, which monitors prices on an average shopping basket, shows the mainstream supermarkets, such as J. Sainsbury and Tesco, have cut prices by 2.9 per cent in the past three months — the largest fall since the middle of last year. The discounters have also cut prices by a further 0.8 per cent. Verdict says the mainstream players have cut the cost of an average basket by almost 18 per cent since the end of 1992, which would save the average family £357 a year. Shoprite, the struggling Scottish discount chain, is the cheapest supermarket, displacing Netto, the Danish retailer, from the top slot for the first time since the survey began.

CGI seeks London quote

CANADIAN General Investments (CGI), one of Canada's largest and oldest investment trusts, has appointed Olliff & Partners, the broker, to sponsor its listing in the new year on the London Stock Exchange. CGI, which will be the first Canadian-focused general investment company to be listed in London, said its aim is to broaden its shareholder base, attract international investors and promote a more active market in its share capital. The company, already listed in Toronto, has a market capitalisation of about £64 million and held £37 million in net assets at the end of September.

City to keep anti-terror measures

By COLIN NARBROUGH

THE City plans to keep its guard up against terrorism and intends to enhance its surveillance of people and vehicles, despite the IRA's ceasefire declaration.

Michael Cassidy, the chairman of policy for the Corporation of London, said yesterday that the City authorities had been aware for some time of intelligence reports that the IRA had continued to move men and material since the cessation of military operations and that a stockpile of equipment for terrorist attacks could have been brought into London.

The IRA made the City a prime target for its bomb "spectaculars", destroying the Baltic Exchange and, last year, blowing up part of the Broadgate

complex, which is still under repair.

Mr Cassidy, commenting on reports that the IRA was targeting and mounting dummy attacks on buildings in the City, said London was on a "winning trend" in attracting international companies, as underlined by Friday's announcement that Deutsche Bank, one of Europe's largest banking groups, had decided to concentrate its investment banking business in the City.

"We have to reassure people that there will be no relaxing of security measures in the City," he said. Although there have been calls from some quarters for a relaxation of anti-terrorist measures, Mr Cassidy said the corporation was making its roadblocks permanent and retaining the extra 100 police added to its 800-strong force. Mr Cassidy said the

Criminal Justice Bill would also give the City police, under its new commissioner, William Taylor, greater powers to stop and search, which would help to close some of the gaps in the present net.

"Now the police, who have been working close to the margins of what was legally possible when stopping vehicles, will be able to stop pedestrians, cyclists, and ask them to open their briefcases," he said.

The corporation is concerned that the quadrupling of insurance premiums on City buildings since the Broadgate blast could force some companies to stop insuring their premises. Mr Cassidy said the City authorities would like insurance premiums to start to come down, although there was as yet no sign of that happening.

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia \$	2.23	2.14
Austria Sch	16.25	16.75
Belgium Fr	33.58	40.18
Canada \$	2.314	2.154
Cyprus Cyp	0.783	0.733
Denmark Kr	10.19	9.39
Finland Mk	5.08	7.18
France Fr	6.58	8.18
Germany Dm	2.80	2.38
Greece Dr	395.00	368.00
Hong Kong S	13.28	12.28
India Ru	1.07	0.98
Italy Lira	2092.00	2442.00
Japan Yen	174.00	157.00
Malta Mls	0.62	0.57
Netherlands Gld	2.95	2.85
Norway Kr	11.24	10.44
Portugal Esc	201.00	242.00
Spain Ptas	167.00	152.00
Switzerland Fr	12.25	11.45
Taiwan Nts	2.20	2.02
Turkey Lira	165.00	150.00
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TOMORROW

Interim: BP (Q3), Capital Gearing Trust, Celsis Int'l, Central European Growth Fund, Hymco (Q3), Hong Kong Telecommunications International, Reckon, Safeland, Schroder Korea Fund, Thames Water, Westbury Finance, Scottish National Trust, Economic statistics: Advance energy statistics (Sept), Bank of England quarterly bulletin (Q3).

WEDNESDAY

Interim: Alko Nobel (Q3), German Smaller Companies Investment Trust, J Sainsbury, Final: Bellway, Frederick Cooper, On Demand Information, Premium Information, Economic statistics: Overseas travel & tourism (Aug), UK official reserves (Oct), UK banks consolidated external claims (Jun).

THURSDAY

Interim: Boots, Finebury Trust, German Investment Trust, KLM, Philips (Q3), Quadrant Group, Raglan Properties, Rhone-Poulenc (9 months), Seton Healthcare Group, Final: Euronegy Publications, Kwik Save Group, M&T Computing, J Smart & Co (Contractors), Usborne, Economic statistics: Quarterly analysis of lending (Q3), Full monetary statistics (including bank and building society balance sheets), bill turnover statistics, lending secured on dwellings, official operations in the money market, sterling certificates of deposit and sterling commercial paper (Sep).

FRIDAY

Interim: Burtonwood Brewery, William Cook, Oceana Consof, TSL, Final: Under-Valued Assets, Economic statistics: Housing starts and completions (Sep), Insolvency statistics (Q3), Winding up, bankruptcy petitions.

Investors check out store results

IT HAS been all-out war among the supermarket chains since Tesco's launched its latest price promotion this month as part of the scramble for market share. A clearer picture of the winners and losers in this fierce struggle may emerge this week when J. Sainsbury and Kwik Save, two of the big players, unveil interim and full-year figures.

Last week, Nick Bubb food retail analysts at Morgan Stanley, put both companies on his sell list, claiming they were the two with the most to lose from Tesco's latest manoeuvres. Although the response to Tesco from its rivals has been fairly muted, Nick Bubb believes it can only be a matter of time before Sainsbury is forced to make a response.

J. SAINSBURY: Brokers expect to see pre-tax profits lifted when it reports on Wednesday from £417.1 million to about £435 million. This should leave earnings around 2 pence lower.

NatWest Securities says earnings from Sainsbury will be on a par with Asda and Tesco, its major rivals, but with the shares rated at a premium in the rest of the sector, they appear expensive. UBS expects a flat first-half performance with margins lower. Meanwhile, Sainsbury has embarked on a cost-saving programme, with the loss of 650 jobs to date and almost a further 2,000 jobs set to go. These measures are expected to save about £65 million in two years.

KWIK SAVE: Its full-year figures are likely to be even less inspiring. Not only is it under pressure from the majors, but it is also feeling the heat from the continental discount chains such as Aldi and Netto, of Germany. The group is likely to have struggled to improve on last year's final pre-tax profits of £126 million, with most forecasts

pitched at about £130 million. At the half-way stage, pre-tax profits were 8.5 per cent up at £65 million. Kwik Save has been concentrating all its efforts on opening stores, with a target of 80 a year already in place. But it is feared like-for-like sales will have declined. As a result, margins will have come under pressure.

BRITISH PETROLEUM: Brokers are pinning their hopes on an impressive performance from the company when it unveils third-quarter figures, with earnings growth outpacing that of its main rivals. Net income is expected to rise 12 per cent to £332 million, with a full-year figure of £1.47 billion pencilled in already.

According to NatWest Securities, the broker, the third quarter appears to have been one of those rare periods in the oil industry in which all three divisions, upstream, downstream and chemicals, have chipped in with improved performances relative to the previous quarter. In fact, it should be even better than last year, when

downstream margins were boosted by a falling oil price. The average oil price during the third quarter was \$17, an improvement on the previous six months. The figures should also benefit from reduced interest and tax charges, which will go some way to offsetting lower downstream profits. Meanwhile, benefits of the group's rationalisation programme will also be filtering through, enabling it to outperform many of the other big international oil companies.

The biggest swing in profits is likely to come from the group's chemical operation — where operating profits of £55 million are expected, compared with a £16 million loss last time — as it benefits from consumer restocking and product shortages after accidents at rival plants. A dividend of 2.5p would maintain the



The spotlight will focus on Thames Water, whose managing director is Michael Hoffman

pace of 19 per cent growth set in the first and second quarters.

THAMES WATER: A jump in half-year pre-tax profits of almost 10 per cent to £150 million is on the cards tomorrow when the group gets the sector's dividend season off to a flying start. Last year's first-half performance was clouded by provisions totalling £25 million, relating to two international contracts. There will be no repeat of that this time round. Brokers will be keeping a close eye on the dividend increase, which will be the pacesetter for

the rest of the sector. Last year's provisions resulted in only a moderate increase, but this time the rise is likely to be nearer 8 per cent, lifting the payout to 8p.

The group may also use these figures as an opportunity to clear up the vexed question about its limited earnings growth potential through to the turn of the century. News of the its unregulated business should be encouraging.

BAT INDUSTRIES: A strong performance by its tobacco division should see third-quarter pre-tax profits 10 per cent ahead at

£502 million when third quarter figures are unveiled on Wednesday. This takes the total for the first nine months of the year up to £1.39 billion after second-quarter profits dropped 4 per cent after exceptional.

The US continues to recover from the effects of the tobacco price war, but these benefits will be offset to a certain extent by the group's problems in Brazil. BAT will also have to contend with lower profits from its insurance operations, reflecting investment losses at Eagle Star and problems at Farmers in America.

Sale plans for BR train leasing firms rolled out

THE Government has launched its pre-marketing campaign for the three passenger rolling stock leasing companies (rosco), a key element of the complex privatisation of the 'rail' industry (Colin Narborough writes).

The rosco, Everholt Train Leasing, Angel Train Contracts and Portbrook Leasing — are together expected to raise between £2 billion and £4 billion, according to market estimates. Details of the proposed disposals have been circulated to hundreds of potential investors in Europe, the US and Japan.

The rosco, which provide most of British Rail's domestic passenger trains under lease and are responsible for major overhauls, have 11,000 passenger vehicles.

About two thirds are electric, with an average age of 17 years. In the year to the end of March, 650 new trains were taken into service.

THE TIMES DILLONS FORUM

Sir John Harvey-Jones

IN business, people are the most powerful resource we have, but still the most under-exploited. We underestimate their intelligence and their initiative and we fail to get the best out of them for business. So argues John Harvey-Jones, one of Britain's best-known and most admired businessmen, in his new book *All Together Now*.

John Harvey-Jones will put forward the blueprint for people management that he believes could put the UK at the forefront of world business at this Times/Dillons Forum. The forum will take place in the Logan Hall, Institute of Education, 20 Bedford Way, London WC1 on Wednesday November 9 at 7.30 pm. John Harvey-Jones will be signing copies of his new book after the event.

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Market over-estimates long-term inflation

THIS year will not be fondly recalled by many gilt market investors. Returns have, so far, been negative, all but the shortest maturities. Longer-dated bonds' losses exceed 12 per cent. A technical rally in the next month or two is conceivable, but would be a relatively small recovery from losses earlier this year.

Many of the market's problems this year are due to the strength of the US economy and the consequent fall in Treasury Bond prices. In 1995, the US should again provide the framework for the performance of gilts, and other European bonds.

The hot topic in America is whether the Fed will be "running ahead, or behind, the yield curve", ie whether short rates will be raised quickly enough to quell inflation pressures, or whether Fed vacillation will force Treasury yields higher still. It will not now be easy for the Fed to gain the upper hand against inflation.

Strong commodity prices are underpinning consumer prices in the US, and economic growth threatens to lift inflation. On recent evidence, the Fed has little concern for dollar support, and will react to, rather than pre-empt, inflation news. If this is to be the blueprint for the performance

of global bonds in 1995, the outlook is uninspiring.

However, we are unlikely to see the worst-case scenario for European bonds — US investors rushing to repatriate overseas assets. Because the dollar has fallen considerably this year, there will be some profit takers, but there is still some risk in the US currency, and with T-bond yields on a rising trend, the case for asset repatriation is not compelling.

Within this framework, domestic factors will decide how gilts perform relative to other bonds. Unfortunately for gilts, the UK will see inflation rise

next year, with the headline figure, in particular, smartly up at the start of the year.

Reasons include higher commodity prices and unit labour costs, and a heavier tax burden. So spreads of gilts over continental European bonds are set to widen in 1995.

Things will look better in a year or so, when UK inflation begins to ease, and when the "Monetary Meetings" will not, one hopes, pre-empt this fall by agreeing to raise rates aggressively in coming months. The UK should need

no more than one more base-rate hike to kill the inflation threat post-1995.

Disappointing fundamentals for gilts in 1995 must be set against market yields that now greatly overestimate long-term inflation. With a sizable risk premium now built into yields, 1995 inflation damage should be limited. Medium-dated and longer-dated gilts may still struggle to give decent returns, but some shorter gilts look good value at current levels.

Calculations based on implied forward rates indicate that the market yield curve is projecting significantly higher base rates in the next few years. The curve currently suggests yields of over 9 per cent in 2-3 year maturity gilts in late 1995. However, by this time next year, it will be clear that short rates are not going anywhere near 9 per cent. As the market comes to accept this, prices of under-5 year maturities should rise.

Nowhere on the gilt curve will 1995 be as bad as 1994, but risk will stay in medium- and long-dated bonds. Investors are likely to be glad of a haven in under-5 year gilts, and should use any end-of-year rally to switch shorter to a fundamentally cheap part of the curve.

STEPHEN SCOTT
Kleinwort Benson

CHANGE ON WEEK

US dollar

1.6236 (-0.0035)

German mark

2.4508 (+0.0163)

Exchange index

80.7 (+0.3)

Bank of England official close (4pm)

FT 30 share

2345.1 (+11.4)

FT-SE 100

3083.8 (+51.0)

New York Dow Jones

2930.66 (+39.36)

Tokyo Nikkei Avge

19805.16 (-93.92)

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 44

AHIMSA

The doctrine of non-violence or non-killing, from the Sanskrit *prativah* "without" + *himsa* injury. "I am told that, notwithstanding the strict rules of ahimsa, the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals might find work to do in some parts of India."

FASCIOLA

In full *fasciola cinerea*, from the Latin diminutive for a little leech. A thin layer of grey matter that forms the posterior continuation of the dentate gyrus in the hippocampal formation of the brain, hence the grey matter mercifully simplified by Wodehouse and Poirot. "Although the main mass of the hippocampus terminates in the region central to the splenium of the corpus callosum, strands in the hippocampal tissue (usually gyrus dentatus) extend, as fasciola cinerea, around the splenium to continue into the indusium griseum."

CONTE

The short story as a form of literary composition, from the French, *de count*. "The author of *Sir Orfeo* makes here the same careful distinction between the tale (*conte* or 'adventure') and the Breton lai that Marie had made."

FURIANT

A type of Bohemian dance, or its music, in quick triple time with frequently-shifting accents, from the Czechoslovak. "An example of just that sort of thing is Dvorak's *Czech Suite* of 1879. Its five movements include a polka, a bucolic minuet, and a farant finale."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

1 Rxc5 2 Qh4 and White wins, e.g. 2... f6 3 Qxh7 Kf8 4 Qh8: Kf7 5 Qxh8.

Airlines 'must improve' profits

THE world's airlines are emerging from years of heavy losses, but must improve profits if the industry is to survive without relying on subsidies, says the International Air Transport Association (IATA) Narborough writes.

Pierre Jeannerot, IATA director-general, said if the airlines

make a possible \$1 billion profit this year, it would be the first overall profit since 1989. Growth in passenger and freight traffic and measures to remove surplus capacity are seen as the key factors behind the return to the black.

M Jeannerot said that between 1990 and the end of last

year, IATA's 222 member-carriers lost \$15.6 billion. He said even \$1 billion worth of profits this year would be less than 1 per cent of turnover, while \$10 billion would be required.

IATA forecast the number of air passengers will rise an average 6.6 per cent in 1994-98 and double in the next decade.

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V. Kharpur-Medangh-Masjid Moh	15 Kms.
VI. Okhla Industrial Area-Tughlaqabad East-Govind puri	15 Kms.
VII. Najafgarh-Dwarka-Uttam Nagar-Villapuri-Jangpuri-Hast Nagar-Tisik Nagar-Rajee Garden	19 Kms.
VIII. Wazirpur Industrial Area-Ashok Vihar-Shalimar Bagh-Nagar-Nagar-Saudi Arabia-Ashok Vihar-Rajni-Ashok Vihar-Sat Nagar-Desh Bandhu Gupta Road-Connaught Place	12 Kms.
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RADIO CHOICE

Amusing tales of academe

Mr Bairoliya said the complexity of the inquiry showed the advantages of using a mixed team of policemen and forensic accountants. Only a specialist, he argued, would pick up subtle nuances such as the difference between a "ton" of gold and a troy ounce. He hopes those who criticise the high cost of SPO investigations will come round to his view.

The case proved a nightmare from day one. Investigators who went into BCCI's offices found thousands of documents and a workforce suffering from apparent amnesia. Raj Bairoliya, a senior manager in

Pay deals sprout green shoots

Robbie Gilbert, employment affairs director at the CBI, reluctantly agrees. "We are not convinced that the RPI-plus mentality has been defeated", though he claims it has "undoubtedly been knocked a bit" by the recession and the decentralisation of pay determination.

cerns are now being concentrated. "We are now entering crucial phase in the pay round," today's IRS survey says. The outcome of a range of forthcoming pay deals will determine just how crucial that phase will be to Britain's economic recovery.

The Monday Play: Lost Children. Radio 4. 7.45pm.

At times, I found Lavinia Murray's play about a woman's prison so harrowing that I felt like turning it off. What stayed in my hand was to imitate who said she spent ages rehearsing a prison dance only to discover that the audience were all blind. This emotional roller-coaster of a play was recorded in a women's prison, and it incorporates the experiences of actual prisoners. The connecting link is a triple killer — a tremendous performance by Sue Johnson. Instantly story, and those of the inmates whose circumstances led her there. Instantly a cry-cross with hers, do not beg for my sympathy. I would like it would take a

Peter Daville

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including the anti-AIDS rally, **Campese** with **Dharmia**, including at **8.30-8.45** **Newscast** **7.00** **Evening Session** with **Steve Lamacq** and **Jo Whalley** **9.00** **The Big One FM 10.00** **Big Holy One**, **The Dead Good Show**, **Simon Mayo** talks to **Archbishop Desmond Tutu** **12.00** **Mark Tardella**

RADIO 2

FM Stereo, 6.00am - Sarah Kennedy
 1.65 Pause for Thought 7.30 Wake Up
 in Wigan 6.15 Pause for Thought 8.30
 News 9.00 News 9.15 News 9.30
 The Hits 11.30 Marilyn Love 2.00pm Gloria
 Humphrey 3.30 Ed Stewart 6.05 Paul
 Healey 7.00 News 7.15 News 7.30
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 and 8.00 Big Band 9.00 Big Band
 Special 9.40 Humphrey Lytton 10.00
 News 10.15 News 10.30 News 10.45
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 looks at novelty music moves 10.30
 The Jamestown 12.05am Digby Fak-
 weather, with Jazz Notes 1.00 Steve
 Martin with Night Jives 3.00-6.00
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Middesmagazin 12.00 News 12.00pm
 Words of Faith 12.15 Court Report
 1.45 Sports 1.00 News 2.05 Outlook
 2.30 Off the Shelf: Palace War 2.45 Top
 Scores 3.00 News 3.15 Peter Winkler
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 11.00 News 11.15 News 11.30
 12.00 News 12.15am News 12.15-1
 Joy Good Show 1.00 News 1.05
 Outlook: 1.30 Folk Routes 1.45 Health
 Magazine 2.00 Court Report
 3.00 News 4.10 News 4.30 Sports 3.30

RADIO 5 LIVE		CLASSIC FM	
5.00am Morning Reports 6.00 The Breakfast Programme, including at 8.55 and 7.55, Reading Preview 8.58 The 11.15s 11.15s Actuality 12.00 Midday with Lisa, including at 12.34pm Moneycheck, with Liz Barclay 2.05 Ruscov or Free 4.00 John Inverdale Nationwide 7.00 News	John Peel 4.00 News	6.00am Nick Bailey 8.00 Henry Kelly 12.00 - Susannah Simons 2.00pm Lyrainne Concerto 3.00 James Clink 6.00 Classical Concert with Sarah Ward 7.00 A to Z of Classical Music 8.00 Evening Concert 10.00 Michael Mappin 1.00am Andre Leon	

Extra, including at 7.20 the day's sport in full 7.35 Glory Nights: Liverpool v Borussia Munchengladbach 8.00: The Monday Match: CFR v Liverpool 10.05 News Talk 11.00 Night Extra, including at 11.45 The Financial World Tonight 12.05am The Other Side of Midnight 2.00-5.00 Up All Night

VIRGIN

6.00am Russ 'n' Jon's Breakfast 6.00 Richard: Skinner 12.00 Graham Dene 4.00pm Wendy Lloyd 7.00 Nick Abbott 10.00 Paul Coyte 2.00-5.00am Jeney Les Grace

RADIO 3	
<p>6.55am Weather 7.00 AM Introduced by Andrew McGrover, Rossi's Overture, La puzza l'odore, Hildegarde of Bingen, Columbia Records. 7.15 Prokofiev (The Battle on the Hills, Alexander Neskoy), Perchellie (Dances of the Hours, La Giasonda), Mariee (La Sonnante de Sie Genevieve du Mont de Paris, Les Contes de la String Quartet in D minor, Op 9 No</p>	<p>with Martin Roscoe, piano, piano, Dordrecht, Piano Concerto No 1 in E minor) (P) 3.45 Bach's Organistables: Peter Harford performs Charlas Presides, BAV 625-44 quartie organs of Kilm Grammar School and Woolonging Town Hall (P) 4.30 The Gutter in Jazz: Charlas Alexander introduces music by Duke McLean, from the 1930s, and John Holdsworth, who played a key</p>

9.00	Composer of the Week: Johann Sebastian Bach (Suite No. 1, G Major, BWV 1005) Orchestra under (Name Javi)	role in the development of jazz-rock fusion
5.00	The Music Teacher: Tommy Purson talks to the students of Twynham School in Dorset about their compositions	
10.00	Musical Encounters with Andrew Lloyd Webber (Suite from "The Phantom of the Opera" in B flat, Op 67); Mozart (Six Characteristic Pieces, Nos 1 and 2); Astor and Jeanne (The Marriage of Figaro, Act 1, No 20) Violin; Bach Double Concerto	5.15 In Tune, with Andrew Green: Baroque (The Marriage of Figaro's Queen's 1st duet); Ballet (Duet, 31, from all three acts); MacDowell (In Op. 67)

<p>7.00pm <i>Chorus</i> (D minor, BWV 1043): Spohr (Odet in E No 32); Debussy (Pierrot, Pantomime); Paganini (Concerto in modo antico)</p>	<p>7.30 <i>Maestri della Voce</i>: Dutch Radio Chorus and Symphony Orchestra under Reinbert de Leeuw perform Max Brand's opera, <i>Henk Smil</i></p>
<p>12.00 <i>Strictly for the Birds</i>: Gordon Stewart takes a look at coloratura singing. This week, we hear Sutherland and Teresa Berganza</p>	<p>Michael Meyers, tenor, and Suzanne Murphy, soprano</p>
<p>1.00pm <i>BBC Luminato</i>: Concert: Live from St John's</p>	<p>10.10 <i>Great Wrangles</i>: See Choice</p>
	<p>10.30 <i>Great Artists West</i>: Tokyo Quartet, perm</p>
	<p>Takenawa (A Way a Lone)</p>
	<p>10.45 <i>Mixing It</i>, with Robert Sandell</p>

Smith Square. Dufay	and Mark Russell
Collective programs French music from the 12th and 13th centuries	11.30-12.30am Music Restored: In the last concert recorded at this year's Festival of Baroque Music, St James Baroque Music, St James Baroque Music under Nor Bolton performs
2.00 Schools: Radio 6 and A 2.05 Wars Games 2.15 Storybox 2.25 Let's Move 2.45 First Steps in Drama	Maria-Andrea Charpentier (De Profundis; Assumpta est Maria)
3.00 The BBC Orchestras: BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra under Fedor Guschensko,	1.00-1.40 Night School, Spanish 12-14 El Fantasma

RADIO 4

the Day, with Bill Westwood
8.40 The Barn Taps 8.58
Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Start the Week,
with Melvyn Bragg and
Suzanne Moore. The guests
are P.D. James, Rosemary
Jones, Valerie Scorsen and
Mervyn Dunsen
10.00-10.30 News: The Meeting
Genre (FM only): Natural
history quiz

10.00 Daily Service (LW only) from Taunton School	10.15 Paradise Lost (LW only)	10.30 Kaleidoscope (r) 9.55 Weather
10.15 Woman's Hour: from the Women's Royal Voluntary Service Conference. Inc. 11.00 News	10.30 The World Tonight with Robin Lustig	10.00 The World Tonight with Robin Lustig
11.30 Money Box Lvs: 071-590 4444, with Vincent Duggedy	10.45 Book at Bedtime: The Raryanyana of Vainmu, Densitized by Rani Singh and Aisy James. Starring Sneel Rana	10.45 Book at Bedtime: The Raryanyana of Vainmu, Densitized by Rani Singh and Aisy James. Starring Sneel Rana
12.00 You and Yours		
12.25pm Round Britain Quiz		

Resident London team take on Scotland 12.55 Weather
1.40 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (1) 1.35 Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; An Odd Body; A Sim Charley; The second of a four-part detective series by Sue Rowland
3.00 Anderson Country
4.00 News 4.05 Kaledonians
Kaledonians Jammy and Shashi
11.00-11.30 Home Truths (FM only); Jo & Mair takes to the journals; Julie Flint (1)
11.00-11.30 Education Matters (LW only), presented by Times columnist Libby Purves
11.30-12.00 A Whole New Day (FM only); Desmond Gami, Brenda Blethyn and

Janet's *Giorgio* Mass as
never heard before
4.45 Short Story: The Hammering
by Michele Roberts. Read by
Gillian Bevan
5.00 PM, with Chris Lowe and
Linda Lewis 5.50 Shipping.

Richard Pearce star in a
comedy series by Martin
Davies
11.30 Today in Parliament (LW
only)
12.00-12.45pm News, incl 12.27
Weather 12.30 Shipping
12.45 As World Service (LW)

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	\$10,000 - \$24,999	5.65	4.28
	\$25,000 - \$49,999	6.20	4.66
	\$50,000 and OVER	6.70	5.03
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	\$25,000 - \$24,999	5.10	3.83
	\$25,000 and OVER	5.50	4.13
Newbury Monthly Income	\$2,500 - \$14,999	5.71	4.28
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		(CARP) 5.21	(CARP) 4.63
TESSA '93	6.80	Tax Exempt†	
Young Saver	\$1 - \$499	3.85	2.89
	\$500 - \$4,999	4.25	3.19
	\$5,000 - \$9,999	4.65	3.49
	\$10,000 - \$24,999	5.10	3.83
	\$25,000 and OVER	5.50	4.13
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Castle Extra Interest		2.90	2.18
Tower Account		4.25	3.19
Tower Monthly Income		4.18	3.14
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	\$5,000 and OVER	3.35	-
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The hired bodyguards, drivers and security systems so popular in gangster movies now seem to be the latest corporate trend in Japan, a country known for having far fewer violent crimes than most advanced nations. In the past, the suspected gang-related murder in mid-September of a Sumitomo bank executive, several big corporations have stepped up security for their top managers. Measures range from eliminating the names of high-ranking managers from *Who's Who* and installing more security equipment, to providing cars for executives to commute to work. Some are hiring bodyguards to watch over executives and their families around the clock. As the manager of one security firm puts it, "Unfortunately, it seems it is time for the Japanese to change their in-

ANYONE hoping to get on in a Japanese firm should know a thing or two about golf. So it was no surprise to see Paul Kafka, the "Nick Faldo" of City PR, deftly clipping in at Wentworth on a recent charity day hosted by communications firm, the one he is directing. The event, which raised £8,000 for Children in Cities, was one of mixed fortunes. The big prize — a golfing weekend for two at St Pierre, Cheltenham — went to George Ball of Eurweek, and Oswald St George Brown, who runs a financial services company. At the other end of the scale came the mercifully unnamed Lloyd's underwriter who accumulated a disastrous four Stableford points for his entire round (anyone reasonably competent should

Listless at Lloyd's

week, noting of the typical syndicate: "When young it is volatile, when middle aged it is level headed and when old it is sluggish." Colin Spence, managing director of Sedgwick Lloyd's Underwriting Agents, duly noted most players at Lloyd's were not so much sluggish as just plain old. "They think they can do what they have always done — but without adequate preparation," he muttered.

OPENING Fiat's state-of-the-art car plant at Melfi, in Italy's deep south last week, Silvio Berlusconi, Italy's media magnate-cum-prime minister, revealed his reverence for Giovanni Agnelli, septuagenarian head of the Fiat dynasty, and Italy's wealthiest industrialist. Berlusconi told of a time when, instead of a picture of the madonna on his desk, he had one of Agnelli. I wonder whose picture adorns our PM's desk?

JON ASHWORTH

of time

Life after death — but was it worth living?

A crucial moment in Saturday's performance production (BBC2), a white-lipped Chelsea girl administered the kiss of life to her recumbent grandfather, a former Tory Prime Minister. To be brutal about it, this resurrection was not an effort the St John Ambulance would award medals for — little half-hearted sighs into his mouth, alternating with a hand to the chest — but apparently it worked, for the old man suddenly coughed, sat up, and started taking an interest. Dramatically, I suppose, the important question was whether the grandfather actually deserved reviving. Which was apt, in the circumstances. Because whether the play deserved reviving was pretty germane as well.

This was Dennis Potter's *Message for Potter*, first made in 1967 and re-made for the studio-drama Performance in penance for a wiped tape, offered as a posthumous tribute. The unfairness of this is quite staggering, by the way: 25 years ago some archivist lucky got careless with a big magnet, and now we reap the benefits. *Idea for play: BBC remakes lost drama at great expense. The day before transmission, producer finds original in overlooked biscuit tin, while distractedly searching for custard cream. Alarmed, he snips lid shut and looks thoughtful. Does he tell anybody?*

But my point is, were this play Potter's greatest masterpiece, you could understand the concern. But as far as I can see, nobody is pretending *Message for Potter* was anything more than a humble apprentice cost-peg for the Chipendale workshop, an early naturalistic false start, containing few intimations of the exceptional writer Potter was destined to become. ("Cheap music can be potent, said somebody, but without conviction.") In the book *Potter on Potter* (Faber), *Message for Potter* receives the briefest of mentions, with Potter admitting to interviewers that the play was overtly political, indeed polemical — "It's a legitimate grand of writing, but not one I am really comfortable with or wish to pursue." So would Potter himself have thanked anybody for all this trouble? Wouldn't he rather have seen a re-showing of *Son of Man* or *Follow the Yellow Brick Road*?

Based on an issue raised by the Churchill-Sunderland portrait furor, *Message for Potter* concerns a has-been socialist painter (Eric Porter) hired to commemorate a great Tory leader recently deposed by his own party. In a funny opening scene, ignorant parliamentarians choose Porter because he is the only English painter they can think of, and besides they have trains to catch. The great man himself (John

Neville) lives in a half-world of senile paranoid confusion — memories of wartime speeches mixed with anticipation of the next *Black and White Minsirel* Show. "Isn't it on every night?" he asks (a belief that is grounds for paranoia, certainly). The stage is therefore set for a symbolic power struggle between artist and politician — which gets going after a slow-moving 45

minutes, when they finally meet up. Porter is a vital, long-haired, ranting Welsh bear with a bright cravat, who fights his loyal daughter, revels in the renewed press attention, and determines to grab the first bit of power in his life: to show Neville to the world as an evil baggy monster. This determination is so strong it transcends a burgeoning sympathy for the "poor old devil", and even leads him (nice touch, this) to continue painting after Neville has apparently died in his chair.

But the Establishment wins in the end, of course. The kiss of life from granddaughter Clara (Ally Gail Crutenden) is sufficient to overturn all comic plots. When they stick together they are invincible, these people. Frustrated, the artist breaks the place up a bit, but is taken away and disposed of. In symbolic terms, all this was pretty bleak, pretty obvious. As for the production, the dead-men's shoes effect never quite wore off. Eric Porter gave it heaps (bless him), but the pace was so authentically languid that you felt like telling him to save his breath.



Lynne Truss

REVIEW

CHOICE

Jerrybuilding: The Unholy Retics of Nazi Germany (BBC2, 9.00pm)
The joke title is a fair indication of the contents as Jonathan Meades goes in search of Nazi architecture. This is a highly idiosyncratic treatment laced with visual gags, slick camerawork and the intricately fashioned invective familiar from Meades' other job of restaurant critic for *The Times*. He argues that the architectural style of the Third Reich was a mish-mash of other traditions, from classicism to modernism and the romanticism. He also contends that its influence lives on in the slab-like blocks of the continental package tour industry and even on the London South Bank. And he mischievously traces a link between Hitler's architect, Albert Speer, and the "dim populist ideas" of the Prince of Wales.

Cutting Edge: Bodyguards (Channel 4, 9.00pm)
Strapping young men and a few women, all with degrees of a career, sporting supervisors and VIPs, gather for a week's bodyguard training course in Shropshire. Since the result of the exercise is to leave them wet, cold and knackered it is a wonder they are prepared to pay £600 each for the privilege. The film gives a day-by-day account of their humiliations as they try to cope with guns, parcel bombs, simulated kidnappings and being dragged out of bed in the small hours. The drop-out rate threatens to soar. There is much shouting and bad language, most of it from the instructors. Indeed, the F-word count must come very close to that achieved by the football manager Graham Taylor in a previous *Cutting Edge* documentary.

The Country That Vanished (BBC2, 11.15pm)
One of the side-effects of the collapse of communism has been the obliteration of the German Democratic Republic. A *Love Show* contributor to the BBC's Berlin season asks whether there was anything worth saving. It finds the country's most famous cultural institution, the Berliner Ensemble founded by Bertolt Brecht, still in good health and staying true to its ideological roots by staging a pro-Soviet play. It looks at East German architecture, which helped to mould and symbolise the State, and wonders how much will survive. The programme also considers the more elusive question of whether East Germans should sink themselves in the new Germany or try to retain elements of their former identity.

Pam Rhodes stars as herself (BBC1, 8.30pm)
The burning down of the Whitby Newton leisure centre at the end of the last year seemed to signal the end for Chris Barrie's chronically nerve-grating Gordon Brittas. Wrong. The centre has been rebuilt and the ghastly Brittas is back. Just how much more the writers, Andrew Norris and Richard Fegen, can squeeze out of an already much-plundered joke remains to be seen. Meanwhile, for this opener they have wisely decided to break the format by introducing a guest star. He is Pam Rhodes, the jolly host of *Songs of Praise*. Her show is being transmitted from the leisure centre and Brittas is determined to keep the toilets out of bounds for fear of vandalism by the elderly hymn-singers.

CHOICE

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6.00am GMTV (45/134)
9.25 Supermarket Sweep (s) (93/4035) 9.55 London Today (Teletext) (2262306)
10.00 The Time... The Place (s) (1730870)
10.35 This Morning (93/18306) 12.20pm London Today (Teletext) (1730996)
12.30 News (Teletext) and weather (8897219)
12.55 Coronation Street (r) (Teletext) (8805238)
1.25 Home and Away (Teletext) (81860509)
1.55 Capital Woman (s) (82866275) 2.25 A Country Practice (s) (53860526) 2.50 Carlton People with Fiona Oates (1176528)
3.20 ITN News headlines (Teletext) (6545257) 3.25 London Today (Teletext) (6544522)
3.30 Rainbow (r) (4362967) 3.40 Tots TV (7796885) 3.50 St Tiggyriddle (4366753) 4.05 Scooby and Co (s) (7154753) 4.30 Tiny Toon Adventures (r) (9279866) 4.50 How 2 (8917764)
5.10 After 5 (Teletext) (9497509)
5.40 News (Teletext) and weather (8148665)
5.55 Your Show, Viewers' video soapbox (141615)
6.00 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (822)
6.30 London Tonight (Teletext) (580)
7.00 The Hypnotic World of Paul McKenna. Ten more volunteers enter a trance-induced state and become the stars of the show (s) (9528)
7.30 Coronation Street (Teletext) (784)
8.00 Wheel of Fortune. Game show (5948)
8.30 World in Action: The Wrong Arm of the Law. A look at the growing industry of private security and the alleged ease with which people with serious criminal records can find work as private security guards (s) (7783)



Samantha Morton and Jim Carter (9.00pm)

9.00 Cracker: The Big Crunch starring Robbie Coltrane. Fitz investigates the case of a missing teenager (Samantha Morton) who had formed a close relationship with a fundamentalist preacher (Jim Carter). (Teletext) (s) (4306)
10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (82985) 10.30 London Tonight (Teletext) and weather (808670)
10.40 The Good Sex Guide with Margi Clarke. (Teletext) (s) (167280)
11.00 Look Who's Talking with Mariella Frostrup (s) (259851)
11.40 The Powers That Be. Comedy series about an affable American senator (400783)
12.00am The Little Picture Show (3198975)
1.10 Endsleigh League Football Extra (8576772)
1.15 Traps. American police drama series (6160536)
2.45 FILM: Girl on Approval (1962, b/w) starring Rachel Roberts and James Maxwell. A teenager who has spent her life in institutions is sent to a young couple who are prospective foster parents. Directed by Charles Friend (2579178)
4.05 Beyond Reality. Tales of the paranormal (8109449) 4.30 Videofashion (63994)
5.00 Hollywood Report (r) (s) (28333)
5.30 ITN Morning News (18807) Ends at 6.00

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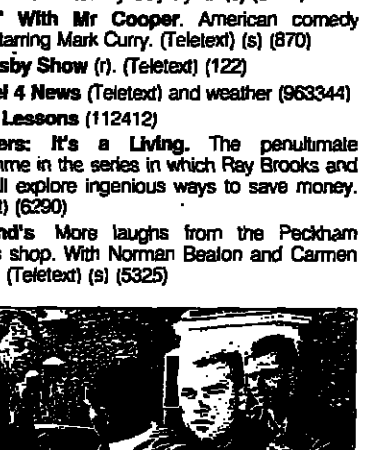
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6.35am King Arthur and the Knights of Justice (r) (7731677)
7.00 The Big Breakfast (91305)
9.00 You Bet Your Life. Quiz game show for couples, hosted by Bill Cosby (r) (49035)
9.30 Schools: Geography Start Here (5011344) 9.46 Talk, Write and Read (5001957) 10.02 Stage Two Science (5002883) 10.08 The Maths Programme (2679561) 10.40 The English Programme (4182827) 11.05 Encyclopaedia Galactica (6123948) 11.15 At Adventures (4518528) 11.30 Rat-a-Tat-Tat (3734870) 11.45 Junior Technology (3739325)
12.00 Right to Reply (r) (Teletext) (s) (69889)
12.30pm Sesame Street. Entertaining early-learning series. The guests are the Neville Brothers (82832)
1.30 Hufflebello presented by Floella Benjamin (s) Followed by Fourways Farm (s) (78035)
2.00 FILM: April Love (1957) starring Pat Boone and Shirley Jones. Sentimental family tale of a young delinquent who goes on probation to help her uncle's Kentucky stud farm where he learns the skills of sulky racing. Directed by Henry Levin. (Teletext) (742829)
3.50 Somerset. Animation from the *Musical Paint Box* series (7691031)
4.00 Simply the Best. In the fifth of his six-part series Kit Chapman samples autumn fruits in Kent (493)
4.30 Fifteen to One. (Teletext) (s) (677)
5.00 The Late Late Show. Topical chat and music show from Dublin, hosted by Gay Byrne (s) (9141)
6.00 Hangin' With Mr. Cooper. American comedy series starring Mark Curry. (Teletext) (s) (870)
6.30 The Cosby Show (r). (Teletext) (122)
7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) and weather (863344)
7.50 Belfast Lessons (112412)
8.00 Screamers: It's a Living. The penultimate programme in the series in which Ray Brooks and Rick Bell explore ingenious ways to save money. (Teletext) (6290)
8.30 Desmond's. More laughs from the Pecham barbers' shop. With Norman Beaton and Carmen Munroe. (Teletext) (s) (5325)

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9.00 Jerrybuilding (s) (70237)
9.40 Wildscreen — The Inside Story. Maggie Philbin reports from a wildlife film festival. (Teletext) (809396)
10.30 Newsnight. (Teletext) (375728)
11.15 The Country That Vanished (s) (829218)
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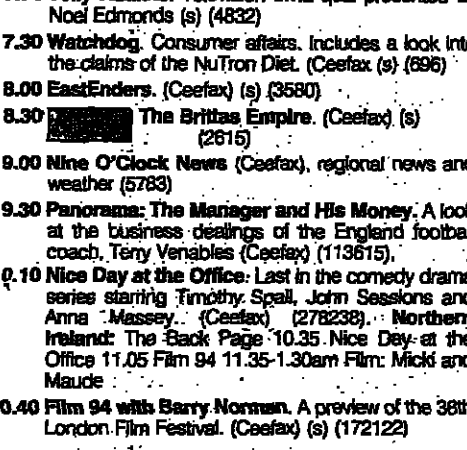
Training to be in the line of fire (9.00pm)

9.00 Cutting Edge: Bodyguards. (Teletext) (2948)
10.00 I'll Fly Away. Drama series set in America's Deep South at the time of the civil rights movement. Starring Sam Waterston. (Teletext) (711306)
10.55 The American Football Big Match. Gary Imlach introduces action from New England Patriots v Miami Dolphins and Kansas City Chiefs v Buffalo Bills (5335851)
12.15am FILM: Scream of Fear (1961, b/w) starring Susan Strasberg and Ronald Lewis. A Hammer thriller about a woman who visits her father in the South of France after a ten-year absence and is plunged into a nightmare of suspense and terror. Directed by Seth Holt (992401)
1.45 Fear in the Dark. Why people need to be scared by spooky films (r) (s) (6357710). Ends at 2.50

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BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast (9097)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (9405306)
9.05 Kilroy. Robert Kilroy-Glik chairs a studio discussion on a topical subject (s) (405777)
10.00 ITN News (Teletext), regional news and weather (817599)
10.55 Good Morning with Anne and Nick. Magazine series (s) (1594219)
12.00 News (Teletext), regional news and weather (1707412) 12.05 Pebble MML. Ross King's guest is David Copperfield, the illusionist's first live British television appearance (s) (3111325) 12.55 Regional News and weather (2878873)
1.00 One O'Clock News (Teletext) and weather (80752)
1.30 Neighbours. (Teletext) (s) (8929528) 1.50 The Great British Quiz (s) (8929434)
2.15 Knots Landing. Drama spin-off from the Dallas saga (2966036) 3.05 Today's Gourmet. Jacques Pepin prepares autumn fare (8017463)
3.30 Secret Life of Toys (r) (4577859) 3.40 Monster Cafe (s) (2511567) 4.00 The All New Popcorn Show. Cartoon triple bill (r) (8058515) 4.30 Mortimer and Arabel. Puppet comedy drama (s) (9084832) 4.35 Mighty Max (s) (8287141)
5.00 Newsround (2303877) 5.05 Blue Peter. Diane Louise Jordan makes a Halloween with puppet. (Teletext) (s) (9496870)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Teletext) (s) (421851)
6.00 Six O'Clock News (Teletext) and weather (832)
6.30 Regional news magazines (412)
7.00 Telly Addicts. Television trivia quiz presented by Noel Edmonds (s) (4832)
7.30 Watchdog. Consumer affairs. Includes a look into the claims of the Nutrilite Diet. (Teletext) (s) (896)
8.00 EastEnders. (Teletext) (s) (3580)
8.30 The Brittas Empire. (Teletext) (s) (2815)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Teletext), regional news and weather (578)
9.30 Panorama: The Manager and His Money. A look at the business dealings of the England football coach, Terry Venables. (Teletext) (113815)
10.10 Nice Day at the Office. Last in the comedy drama series starring Timothy Spall, John Sessions and Anne-Marie. (Teletext) (27238). Northern Ireland: The Back Page. 10.35 Nice Day at the Office. 11.05 Film 94. 11.35-1.30am Film: Mick and Maude
10.40 Film 94 with Barry Norman. A preview of the 38th London Film Festival. (Teletext) (s) (17122)



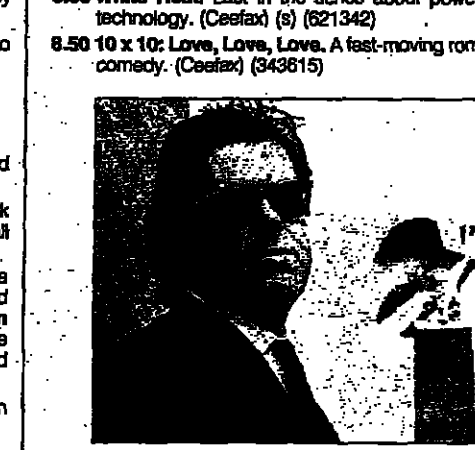
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BBC2

7.00 Philbert the Frog (r) (s) (6513257) 7.05 Puddingtime Press (r) (6512528) 7.10 Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (r). (Teletext) (700387) 7.35 Record Breakers (r). (Teletext) (s) (700787)
8.00 Breakfast News. (Teletext) and signing (316986)
8.15 Arthur Negus Enjoys. Stratford Saye (r) (3159219)
8.30 In the Garden (r) (4986257)
8.50 A Week to Remember (b/w) (3310702)
9.00 Daytime on Two. Educational programmes. Plus, for children, 10.00-10.25 Play for Today. 1.45 Words and Pictures (8891580) 2.00 Just So Stories (37808290)
2.10 FILM: For Love of a Child (1990) starring Michael Tucker, Kevin Dobson and Belinda Montgomery. Drama about the friendship between neighbours and business partners that is put under strain after the death of a young member of one family in the other's swimming pool. Directed by Kevin James Dobson. Includes News and weather at 3.00 (803615) 3.50 News (Teletext) (6996803)
4.00 Today's the Day. Recent history quiz (s) (325)
4.30 Ready, Steady, Cook. Cookery magazine (809)
5.00 Esther. Esther Rantzen meets someone with a tale to tell (s) (2238)
5.30 Catchword. Word power game (561)
6.00 Buck Rogers in the 25th Century. Vintage science-fiction adventures (r) (570238)
6.50 Divall Lights (825141)
7.00 The World at War: Stalingrad. A documentary history of the Second World War (r). (Teletext) (1696)
8.00 White Heat. Last in the series about power and technology. (Teletext) (s) (821342)
8.50 10 to 10: Love, Love, Love. A fast-moving romantic comedy. (Teletext) (343615)



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Policyholders may pay for pension fiasco

By Liz Dolan

ANXIETY is mounting that the ultimate losers in the personal pensions fiasco will be with-profits policyholders, who will indirectly be forced to foot total compensation costs of anything up to £2 billion.

Directors of life companies believe that, in view of the potential cost to policyholders, they are in danger of being sued for breach of fiduciary duty by angry policyholders or shareholders.

As the life and pensions industry gears up to fight last week's proposals by Andrew Large, the chairman of the Securities and Investments Board, that the industry should fully compensate hundreds of thousands of people wrongly advised to transfer or opt out of company pension schemes, the prime beneficiaries are expected to be members of the legal profession.

Actuaries and other related professions are also in line for substantial windfalls.

Sun Life, the UK's third-largest life insurer, yesterday confirmed that it was one of several companies planning to seek legal opinion as to whether it should comply with the SIB's proposals. Geoffrey Harrison-Dees, Sun Life's general manager, marketing and sales, said: "Life companies will need a period of time to consider the proposals and to seek legal opinion. We are concerned as to whether the regulators have given proper consideration to the effects and legality of what they are proposing."

Mr Harrison-Dees insisted

that Sun Life was prepared to make good any harm done to its own policyholders but added that the company was concerned that life insurers would also be forced to bail out independent financial advisers (IFAs) who were unable to cover their liabilities. IFAs are understood to have been responsible for well over 30 per cent of the personal pension business generated since such policies were created in 1988. Some 95 per cent of all Sun Life's pensions business is derived from IFAs.

The Lloyd's insurance market is also likely to be hard hit. As the largest underwriter of professional indemnity cover for IFAs and life and pensions companies, Lloyd's faces a bill of anything between £250 million and £500 million, according to one insider's estimate.

Joe Palmer, the chairman of the Personal Investment Authority, the regulatory authority for many of the companies involved, said on BBC TV's *Money Programme* last night that the authority would be tough with any members who dragged their feet in paying out.

Bacon & Woodrow, the consulting actuary, has put together a "task force" with Touche Ross, the firm of accountants, and various other professionals, to help pensions providers.

The Department of Trade and Industry has told the companies that, wherever possible, compensation must be met out of their "free reserves" — money set aside for just this

purpose. But it does not deny that these reserves may have to be topped up by future profits in the longer term. The DTI also admits that it has no firm information about the state of individual companies' reserves. This week, it will seek further information from each company about this and also about the likely extent of their liabilities.

Pensions providers are keen to point the finger at others involved in the debacle, not least employers, pension fund trustees and consulting actuaries, who, they say, made little or no attempt to advise or educate fund members who decided to opt out of the occupational scheme. But Ken Wesbroom, a partner in Bacon & Woodrow, says they have missed the point.

"Some companies were to blame for not sufficiently promoting the benefits of the occupational schemes, but in the scale of things, this was a relatively minor offence compared with the part played by others. It was the Government who changed the rules. That was when the trouble started."

In 1988, the Government abolished compulsory membership of company pension schemes and provided a clear incentive for people to contract out of Serps.

"It might be a good thing to get people to accept personal responsibility for their own pensions but, when the Government changed the rules, the people flogging the personal pension policies thought it was Christmas all over again."



Family man: George Walker and Jean, his wife, with grandchildren Tatiana, Harry and Tom before setting off for a break at Euro Disney

Walker keen on leisure

GEORGE Walker, celebrating his acquittal on fraud and theft charges, relaxes with his grandchildren before a trip to Euro Disneyland. The former boxer flies on Friday to Russia, where he has built a business selling "Gold Bond" cigarettes, cosmetics, jewelry and women's underwear since his ousting from the board of Brent Walker three years ago. Walker, declared bankrupt in 1993, is said to be considering several UK leisure-business propositions.

Pay settlements 'look certain to accelerate'

By Philip Bassett, Industrial Editor

PAY settlements are "inevitably" set to accelerate in the coming wage round, according to a study, out today, on pay prospects across the UK economy.

The study by Industrial Relations Services (IRS), an independent analyst of pay trends, suggests that as the economy improves, the pick-up in pay settlements seen this year will continue. But it accepts that any upturn in wage awards is likely to be small in the immediate future.

The forecast follows warnings by leaders of the Confederation of British Industry against rising pay deals, urging employers to keep control of their pay costs, and comes ahead of likely further warnings concerning inflation, including rising pay deals, from the Bank of England.

According to IRS, pay settlements are set to drift upwards

to 3 per cent at the start of next year, and to 3.5 per cent in the first few months of 1996.

The annual study of Britain's pay prospects says: "The course of pay settlements in the months and years ahead will be a crucial test of whether the UK economy is able to deliver a higher level of employment while keeping prices stable."

While it concludes that there is little reason to believe there will be a "sharp escalation" in pay rises or a return to the "endemic" wage inflation which has characterised Britain's pay bargaining system, the IRS survey of 350 employers shows there has been a "sharp turnaround" in employers' expectations on pay.

A year ago, a substantial number of managers expected their organisations' next pay award to be lower than their previous one. But this year,

the picture is reversed, with almost half the employers surveyed expecting the next pay deal they reach to be higher than the last.

Inflation is returning as a key upward pressure in determining pay rises, the report shows. Paul Thompson, of IRS, says: "Many pay decision-makers have yet to be convinced that the deeply embedded link between pay rises and inflation has been broken."

Agreeing that they are wise to maintain such scepticism, he says: "If a robust recovery serves to fuel inflationary pressures, experience suggests employers' pay expectations are invariably heightened and settlements could be driven up in the wake of rising prices, particularly if the labour market tightens markedly."

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Terms of Heron bid due today

By Our City Staff

TERMS of the £142 million takeover bid for Heron International by a consortium of US investors, via HNV Acquisition, will be revealed today. Swiss Bank Corporation, acting on behalf of the consortium, said yesterday that agreements with bankers to Heron — a key precondition of the offer — had been satisfied.

The consortium is led by Steven Green, an American financier and the head of the Samsonite luggage enterprise, and includes Rupert Murdoch, the chairman of News International.

SBC said the banks' facilities would remain available after the offer had been implemented.

HNV Acquisition is expected to press for a minimum 51 per cent controlling stake in Heron, with banks and bondholders offered the choice of taking cash or equity.

BAe does not rule out higher bid

By Melvyn Marcus, City Editor



Evans: seeking clarification

BRITISH Aerospace is intent on forcing the Government to clarify policy regarding competition in the defence industry before deciding whether to raise its terms in response to GEC's £32 million counter bid for VSEL, the nuclear submarine maker.

Dick Evans, BAe's chief executive, said: "While we do not rule out an alteration to the basis of our bid for VSEL, there are some crucial issues to be decided first. The Government must now make it absolutely plain whether or

not they have fundamentally changed their clearly defined and oft stated policy on the overriding need for competition for naval procurement."

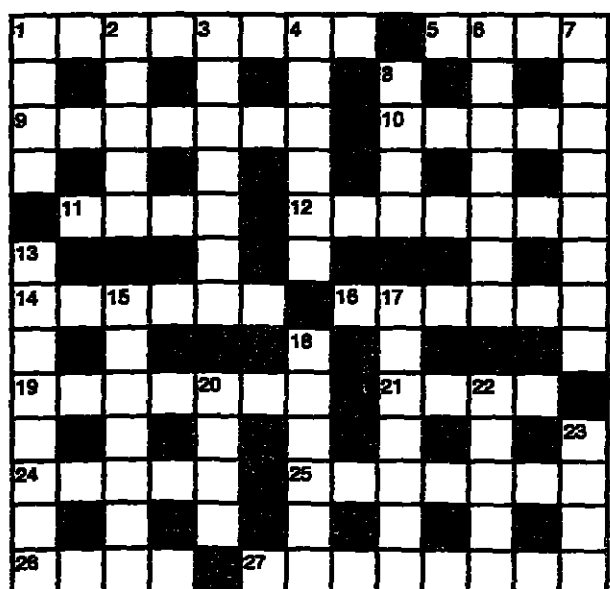
Although the decision on whether to recommend referral of either bid to the Monopolies Commission lies with the Office of Fair Trading, the OFT is expected to take its cue from the Ministry of Defence.

Mr Evans said BAe's bid did not raise competition issues but argued that GEC's bid was "clearly anti-competitive because it would result in the concentration of future major UK naval programmes in the hands of a single, monolithic

contractor". He added that if the Government radically changed its policy it would "eliminate competition between the only two UK shipyards with the capability of building major warships and would prevent" the emergence of competition in naval "whole ship" prime contracting.

In the wake of last week's reaction in BAe's share price, the company's all-share offer values VSEL at £12.60p — a significant discount compared with GEC's cash terms of £14 per share.

GEC insists that its offer is not anti-competitive.



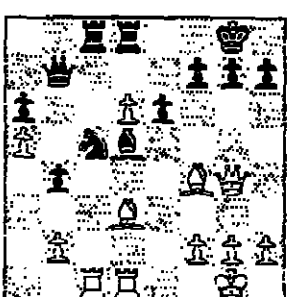
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WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

This position is from the game Tukmakov - Speelman, Tilburg Blitz, 1994.

The black kingside is dangerously unprotected. How did White exploit this with a clever combination?



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TIMES TWO CROSSWORD

No 306

ACROSS

- 1 Sound convincing (4,4)
- 5 Omit (uninteresting passages) (4)
- 9 Emerge into wider area (7)
- 10 Get the better of (5)
- 11 Honeyed wine (4)
- 12 Disappoint: deflate (3,4)
- 14 Speak indistinctly (6)
- 16 Agree: enter (into office) (6)
- 19 Hamlet's university friend (7)
- 21 Cut (grass) (4)
- 24 Booty: damage (5)
- 25 Godparent: commercial paymaster (7)
- 26 Unaided: fish (4)
- 27 Of necessity (5)

DOWN

- 1 Rough, unpolished (4)
- 2 Illustrious (5)
- 3 Roll heavily along (7)
- 4 Sustain (6)
- 6 Pub singing to backing tape (7)
- 7 (Invention) with rights protected (8)
- 8 Studious person (4)
- 13 Stress (8)
- 15 Violent agitation (7)
- 17 Finish (run): succeed (4,3)
- 18 Ruffle, disarrange (6)
- 20 Unbelievable (story) (4)
- 22 More sage (5)
- 23 Unrestricted (4)

SOLUTION TO NO 305

- ACROSS: 1 Senoras 5 Batik 8 Liven 9 Encored 10 Man
11 Make waves 12 No more 14 Gossip 17 Billiards
18 Pan 19 Ignored 20 Baize 21 Plebs 22 Nonplus
DOWN: 1 Solomon 2 Niven 3 Ran 4 Sneaky 5 Backwoods 6 Thrives 7 Kudos 11 Mardi Gras 13 Melange 15 Pincers 16 Brecken 17 Blimp 18 Phial 20 Ban

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

AHIMSA

- a. Red mirrosa
- b. A Persian cavalry brigade
- c. Non-violence

FASCIOLA

- a. Grey matter
- b. A section of a book
- c. Plasterwork

CONTE

- a. A Norfolk punt-pole
- b. A short story
- c. A national census

FURIANT

- a. A fast dance
- b. Cheap red plonk
- c. A type of bull-fighter

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Neds in line for 10% rise in fees

By Colin Nairbrough

NON-EXECUTIVE directors (Neds) can look forward to an increase of almost 10 per cent in their fees over the next two years and the prospect of upward pressure on earnings after that, according to a survey of British companies.

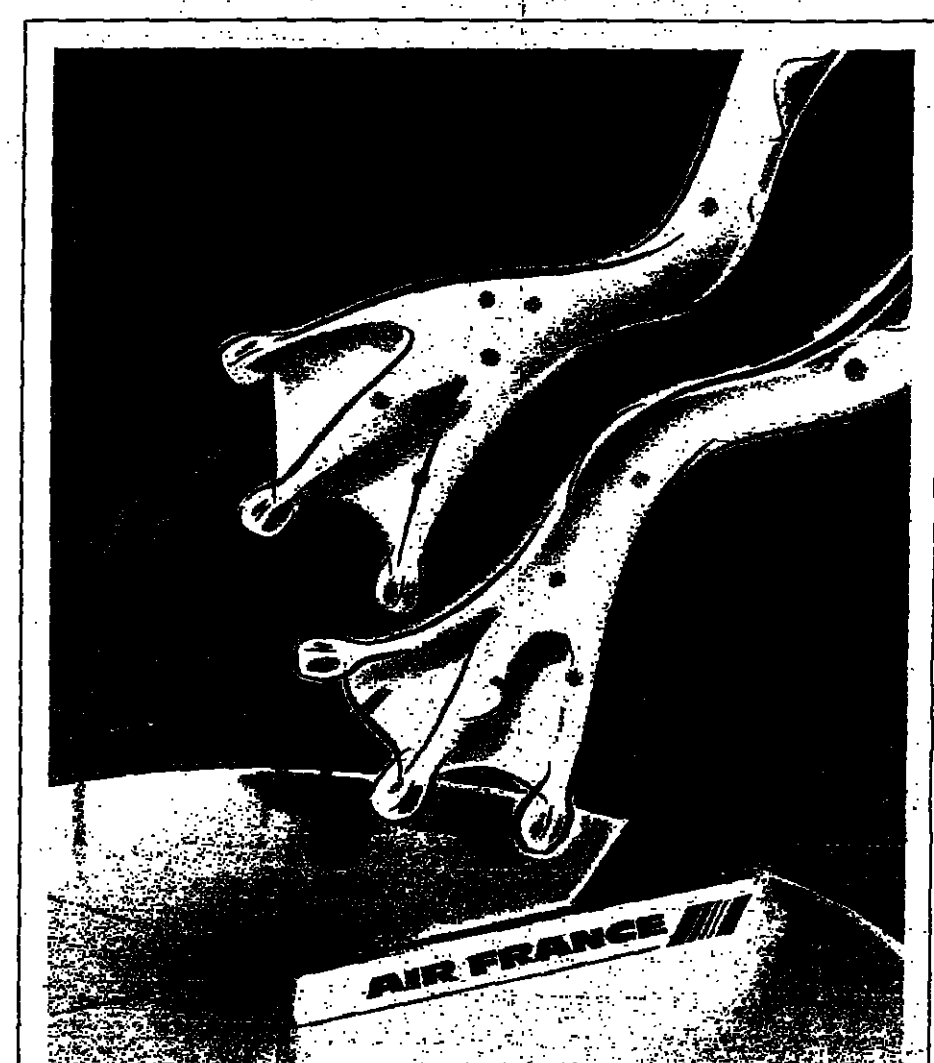
The survey by Pro Ned, which promotes the use of Neds, and the Institute for Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, is based on responses from 585 companies listed on the Stock Exchange, 99 per cent of which had Neds.

The level of fees paid to Neds was found to rise as the size of the company increased, with Neds devoting between 10 and 20 days a year to a company with £25 million turnover, or less, receiving an average £11,200. A Ned giving the same time to a £2 billion turnover company receives an average £20,900. This equates to a daily rate of between £600 and £1,200.

Colin St Johnston, managing director of Pro Ned, said the findings indicated a "material change" in the way companies go about the selection and use of Neds.

However, 60 per cent of chairmen admitted that their last Ned appointment was effected through personal connections, without an objective appraisal of the skills and experience required. He noted that 41 per cent of chairmen expected this to change at the next appointment.

Only 6 per cent of chairmen were opposed to higher fees for Neds and 55 per cent were in favour.



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